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FEARS RAISED OVER MEGA DAIRY PLANS

PLANS to build a 1,000-cow dairy farm at Leighton, near Welshpool, would 'unacceptably' change the setting of the historic Offa's Dyke footpath and ruin views from the nearby Powis Castle, a public inquiry has heard.

by Andrew Morris

Farmer Fraser Jones wants to expand Lower Leighton Farm to include a 'mega dairy' which would house 1,000 cattle next to Leighton Primary School.

Local residents and animal welfare groups have voiced their anger at the plan, which includes three large buildings, a fodder storage unit, two slurry stores and a water storage tower, but Mr Jones says he has gone to great lengths to address concerns.

At the public inquiry, which is taking place until the end of next week at Powys County Council's Neuadd Maldwyn building in Severn Street, Welshpool, historic settlements expert and archaeologist Eileen Griffiths, said she concluded that the dairy farm would have a detrimental effect on the Offa's Dyke path, which passes nearby, as well as the popular National Trust-owned Powis Castle estate.

She said: "In my view the proposal would unacceptably change the setting of Offa's Dyke and change the positive impact it has into a negative one.

"The aesthetic impact and country values of tranquillity would also be changed by this."

Villagers have previously said they fear that the dairy would be too close to their homes and the school.

Objections have been raised about noise, smell, flies, pollution and traffic, the size of the development and its visual impact.

Concerned

A local action group, known as Calfe (Campaign Against Leighton Farm Expansion), was formed to oppose the dairy development.

The scheme has also attracted criticism from the National Trust, which is concerned about the visual impact on Powis Castle.

But Mr Jones has said he intends to plant trees to screen the dairy and said he had thought the application through to monitor flies, the smell and animal welfare.

In November 2011, Powys County Council's planning committee said it was minded to approve the dairy application subject to a report about 'outstanding issues, even though it had been recommended for refusal.

But the matter was discussed again last October after changes in the council's constitution and committee membership.

After it was rejected by the council the matter was called in by the Welsh Assembly.

Affordable homes are given the green light

MORE than 20 affordable homes are to be built in Morda after councillors heard that more than 100 people had recently bid for a three bedroom rented house there.

The estate on Weston Road next to the social club and football ground, will include semi-detached houses and bungalows.

There had been fears about the application by the Severnside Housing Association include worries from the parish council that a footpath was needed.

Councillors granted permission subject to building of a footpath into the village.

Councillor Vince Hunt said it was a good project.

"Six of these homes have just two bedrooms, something more people will be looking for under the spare bedrooms changes to benefits," he said.

Councillor Martin Bennett said there was a need for affordable housing in the area.

"There are 291 people on the housing register for the rural parish and when a three bedroom home became available recently it received bids from 100 families."

Councillors agreed that Morda had enough facilities to support the new homes, including a thriving school, social club, pub and shop.

Suspended teacher dies

A TEACHER currently under suspension from Welshpool's Ysgol Maesydre has died, the headmaster confirmed this week.

News of Shrewsbury-based Andy Eddyshaw's death was confirmed on Tuesday by head Russell Cadwallader. Police say there are no suspicious circumstances.

Mr Cadwallader said: "He will be sadly missed. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this time."

Mr Eddyshaw, who was in his 50s, was suspended last year pending an investigation.

BT centre to be Red Nose pledge site

OSWESTRY'S BT centre is set to be transformed into a pledge centre to help collect cash for Comic Relief.

This is only the second year that the network communications site has been used as a pledge centre.

Technical experts will also be working at the centre throughout the evening to make sure as many people as possible wanting to donate money to the charity get through to make their cash pledges. About 100 BT staff have volunteered to come in on March 15 either to man the phone lines for the telethon or to support in other ways.

Barbara Mcnally-Young, the BT network centre manager, said: "It's extremely exciting to be involved in Comic Relief again.

"Every year a number of BT call centres act as pledge centres, but it's unusual for a network centre like ours to be involved in this way."

As well as manning the phones and keeping the UK's communications network running smoothly, BT staff in Shropshire are also organising an array of fundraising events and games in the run-up to Comic Relief day and throughout the evening.

Comic Relief aims to free the world from poverty. Many celebrities take part with fundraising, including Lenny Henry, Jessie J and Mary Berry.

Opticians in egg appeal

Pictured with some of the Easter eggs is optical assistant at Rayners Opticians in Oswestry is Laura Connors. *Picture: Peter Flemmich.*

AN Oswestry opticians has launched an Easter egg appeal for the Hope House Children's Hospice.

Rayners Opticians in Bailey Street runs an annual appeal for eggs to be donated to local charities and this time has chosen Hope House.

Eggs are already being dropped off at the opticians after a poster went up in the window, and practice manager Sara Johnston is delighted with the response.

"People always surprise me with their generosity and this year is already no exception," she said. "As soon as the poster went up people started dropping off eggs, it's brilliant. This is the fourth year we have collected having previously donated to disadvantaged children, the Children's Ward at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital and to Barnardo's last year.

"It's not just our customers who donate eggs.

"Passers-by see the poster and the display of eggs and are always so generous.

"It all began when we supported Children In Need and has grown ever since. Hope House Childrens Hospice is such a good cause and is a very special charity."

Anyone who wishes to donate can drop eggs off at the opticians.

Club plea to fly all year round rejected

A PLEA by a model aircraft club to be allowed to fly their planes all year round from a field near Oswestry has been turned down by council bosses.

Councillors rejected the planning application by Oswestry and District Model Flying Club after hearing the noise of the models when they fly was disturbing residents at Maesbury.

The club has been flying from the field at Maesbury for several years after winning a planning battle with the now defunct Oswestry Borough Council.

It currently uses a planning law allowing members to fly on 28 days a year but had submitted an application asking Shropshire Council for permission to fly throughout the year.

Council officers recommended the bid, which included provision of a toilet for members to use, should be given the go-ahead.

But councillors refused permission at a planning meeting on Tuesday.

A report to the meeting said Oswestry Rural Parish Councillors objected to the bid.

The council said the noise from the models, disturbed residents and wildlife and was 'an entirely inappropriate site for the sport'.

Deadline day for awards

THE clock is ticking for businesses to get their entries in for this year's Oswestry & Border Chronicle Business Awards.

Entries must be with us by tomorrow (Friday) so there's very little time for would-be winners to complete their entry forms.

Send your entries as hard copies to: Business Club Awards 2013, Oswestry & Border Chronicle, 14 Salop Road, Oswestry SY11 7NU. Or scan the form and email it with your entry of not more than 500 words to awards@oswestrychronicle.co.uk or enter online at www.oswestrychronicle.com/business-awards.

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Park makeover plans to mark war centenary

by Chrissy Symmons

PLANS are being drawn up to give a park in Oswestry a makeover and hold community events to commemorate the centenary of the start of the First World War.

Enthusiasts in Oswestry are considering a number of ideas to mark the occasion next year, including getting local people to decorate tiles in a war-related theme and planting flowers in Cae Glas Park which were commonly seen around the time of the outbreak of the war.

Ideas have been discussed by members of Cae Glas Park ground maintenance contract task and finish group, who plan to meet with town clerk David Preston to develop them.

War poet Wilfred Owen was born at Plas Wilmot on the outskirts of the town and scores of men from the town died serving their country during the conflict.

Councillor Cynthia Hawksley, who is a member of Oswestry Town Council and the task and finish group, said: "The council does want to mark the centenary, it is just deciding on the right thing to do."

Suggestions for plants that were in fashion 100 years ago included buddleias, clematis, deutzia gracilis, mahonia japonica and stephanandra.

Councillor Hawksley said if the plans were carried out the flowers would not be planted until next year.

Group members also heard a number of comments about the park which have been written in the visitors book.

They included comments which said: "We admire and appreciate the effort that have been made by all" and "Lovely park, it is a credit to you, beautifully looked after".

The comments will be posted on **www.oswestry-tc.gov.uk**

Police hunt attackers as man pushed and robbed

A 23-YEAR-old man was pushed to the ground and had his mobile phone stolen as he walked along a disused railway track in Oswestry.

He was approached by two or three young men as he was making his way along the Cambrian Heritage Railways line behind the Penda Retail Park at about 3.50pm on Monday.

One of the men pushed him on the shoulder, causing him to fall to the ground and drop his phone.

The phone was stolen as the men ran off and he suffered a bruised knee.

Police Constable Scott Harrower said: "I am appealing for witnesses or anyone with information concerning the identities of those involved to call Oswestry police station on 101.

"Information can also be given to the Crimestoppers charity, 0800 555 111."

One of the offenders was wearing a light blue Adidas hooded top and black tracksuit trousers.

Top title win for Nicky, 21

Nicky Davies, from Oswestry. *Picture: Peter Flemmich.*

NICKY Davies entered her first beauty pageant with trepidation, worrying about how other contestants would accept her and whether she should be taking part.

The 21-year-old from Oswestry not only took the title of Miss Crown and Glory but said the women taking part were so friendly, she has been spurred on to enter other events.

She joined 20 others at the Miss Crown and Glory pageant in Ellesmere Port at the weekend and not only took the main title but also the charity award.

All the contestants were asked to raise funds for the Hospice of the Good Shepherd in Ellesmere Port with Nicky raising the most money, £1,040.

She held an event at the Griffin Inn in Oswestry, a cake stall and even a buggy push around Lake Vyrnwy.

"I would like to thank everyone who took part in the events and helped to raise the money. Also Hanah Hunter for organising the pageant and my partner, Chris Box, for being so supportive."

"This was my first pageant and I was worried that the girls might clash, and that it might not be a good atmosphere.

"But it was not like that at all, everyone was lovely.

"This has spurred me on to enter the Miss Galaxy Wales competition next year."

Nicky, who is a barber in Oswestry, had to take to the stage in T-shirt and jeans, leisure wear, evening wear and swimwear as well as having an interview with the judges.

Motorist is injured as his car hits tree

A MAN was taken to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital after a car hit a tree on the A5 near Oswestry.

The Jaguar left the road in the Gobowen area, near Oswestry, shortly after 1.30pm on Monday.

No details about the driver's injuries have been revealed but they were not life threatening.

Motorists were delayed for a short time while police and an ambulance attended the scene. No other vehicles were involved.

A spokesman for West Midlands Ambulance Service said: "We received the call after 1.35pm on the A5 near the Daywell Junction near Gobowen.

"Initial reports said it looked as though it was a car in collision with a tree. We had one ambulance and a rapid response vehicle.

"We treated a male patient who was taken to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital."

Richard Ewels, spokesman for West Mercia Police, said the Jaguar was travelling towards the Shrewsbury area when it left the road and struck a tree.

Town hall's trip back in time

FOLLOWING the success of its 80s 'Party Nite', Rainbow Records will be sending Welshpool Town Hall back in time once again on Saturday, April 6.

This time there will be a 60s and 70s theme with four hours of party hits from those two decades.

Fancy dress is optional and there will be a prize for the best costume.

The event starts at 8pm and carries on until midnight, with a bar and refreshments at the event.

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Tax bills going up and jobs to go in bid to save £30m

ABOUT 200 jobs will be lost at Powys County Council as the authority tries to save £30million over the next three years.

Council tax will also rise by 2.75 per cent – £25.75 – a year on a band D property, taking the yearly bill to £962.11.

The full council met at County Hall in Llandrindod Wells on Monday to agree the budget for the forthcoming year.

Councillors said they hoped the jobs could be shed through retirements and voluntary redundancies. The job losses are expected to save £4.3million.

by Graham Breeze

The council's ruling cabinet had proposed to slash community grants by 75 per cent and charge sixth formers for school transport, but, following objections, it will now cut community grants by 10 per cent – saving £146,000 – and there will be further discussions before a decision is made about school transport for sixth formers

Councillor David Jones, council leader and a member of the ruling Shire's Independent Group, thanked the other political groups for their help in forming the budget.

He said: "We met last week to discuss the budget and I recognise that I rely on them to get this budget through."

But while the budget was voted in by members, Councillor Kath Roberts-Jones, deputy leader of the Independent Alliance on the council, said she remained concerned about the cabinet's ability to fulfil the budget pledges.

Promises

She said: "Following extensive discussion with opposition groups, changes have been made, including dropping the proposals to charge for post-16 school transport, and reducing cuts to community grants in the coming year to 10 per cent, rather than the 75 per cent originally proposed.

"Nevertheless, mindful that the council must meet legal deadlines for setting a budget, our members have taken the decision not to hinder the passing of the budget today, but instead to hold the cabinet to account in the months to come to fulfil their promises."

Councillor John Morris, leader of the Welsh Liberal Democrat group on the council, said he thought a reduction in the number of councillors from its current number of 73 should be considered to help cut between £500,000 and £1 million.

He said: "With a substantial amount of job losses on the way, I think we need to look at the number of councillors that represent Powys County Council."

The council currently has 5,000 full-time staff and revealed in January that it is facing a £30 million reduction in its base budget over the next three years after receiving the lowest funding increase in Wales.

Pub boss withdraws holiday home bid

PLANS for a holiday home complex next to a pub and restaurant in Ruyton XI Towns were withdrawn at the 11th hour on Tuesday.

After a debate at the Shropshire Council north planning committee, Councillor Karen Calder received a note that the application was being withdrawn.

The owners of the Talbot Inn had applied for planning permission to build three holiday home units within a building on the pub site.

Parish councillor Ros Slowley told the meeting that although the Talbot Inn was an important historic asset in the village vehicle access was totally inadequate and unsuitable.

A report for the owners said: "The Talbot Inn has opened a gastro restaurant and accommodation to diversify and these holiday homes, which would be mainly seasonal would provide a cash injection into the business."

But Councillor Arthur Walpole said taking away the land for the development could put the viability of the pub in jeopardy and Councillor Vince Hunt said that this was overdevelopment.

Cash is raised at annual quiz date

THE Royal National Lifeboat Institution held its annual quiz at the Wynnstay Hotel, Oswestry on Thursday, February 21 when 27 teams competed for a variety of prizes and helped raise £462.45 for the charity.

First placed team 'Top White Lion A' won a meal for four at The Walls, which was donated by Lanyon Bowdler Solicitors.

The second placed team won vouchers, while third place gained four bottles of wine, donated by committee members from RNLI.

Charity seeks more help to continue work

A CHARITY in Oswestry is looking for new trustees to help it continue its work and develop it in the future.

Qube, in Oswald Road, offers services for the community including Dial-a-Ride transport service, Shopmobility, through art exhibitions, creative courses and art therapy sessions.

The charity, which has celebrated its 10th year, is now on the lookout for new trustees to help them. It currently has seven volunteers working in the role, but it would like to see a group of at least 10.

Trustees need to have business skills, an interest in community ventures and some spare time to give. They will also need to contribute actively to provide its strategic direction, targets and overall policy.

Laurel Roberts, chief officer at Qube, said: "We are looking for enthusiastic members of the public who are able to devote time and energy to our charity.

"Experience and knowledge of the voluntary sector would be an advantage and a full job description is available on request.

"This is an excellent opportunity to be involved with a charity that is benefiting the local people of Oswestry and beyond.

"Trustees manage the services and make sure they are delivered properly. They can also help develop the services depending on what the community needs. They help to look for funds."

If you are interested in finding out more about the role of trustee contact the Qube on (01691) 656882.

£6.9m care home completed

Pictured at the new care home, from left, are Coverage Care chief executive David Coull, finance director Cathy Still, Director of RBS Steve Shaw, project manager Gerard Whitehurst, director of Castlemead Group Joe O'Donnell and architects Andrew Cross and John Jones, of DWA Architects.

BUILDING work has finished on a new £6.9m care home in Oswestry that will employ more than 100 people.

Coverage Care bosses have been handed the keys to the New Fairholme Care Home, in Shrewsbury Road, by construction firm, Castlemead Group, and the project's financiers, RBS.

The building on the edge of the town boasts 88 large en-suite bedrooms, extensive communal and dining areas and gardens.

It has been designed specifically to meet the needs of predominantly older people which will include nursing care and support.

Work on the new site started back in October 2011 and has been completed on schedule, ready for the process of fitting out the home for residents. The home will replace one currently in Morda Road and will house the 40 residents presently living there. They will move in during April.

David Coull, chief executive of Coverage Care Services, said: "The biggest part of the project is now complete and we can begin the process of furnishing and fitting out the building to ensure it will be a homely and welcoming environment for our residents when they move in."

NEWS in brief

Tool bank plan to get town healthy

A TOOL bank, vegetable sharing and skill learning are just some ideas residents have come up with to help people in Oswestry get healthier.

More than 50 people met this week to try and become a healthier town in the future, grow their own food or think more about using local produce.

There were a number of suggestions to start up initiatives such as creating a place for people to borrow tools to help them in their gardens and for a steering group.

Martin Anderson said: "We are now in the process of identifying various projects. We are going to try and follow up on ideas including things such as cooking demonstrations and starting up a tool bank."

A facebook page, Incredible Edible Shropshire, has already been launched

Open day marks firm's expansion

AN OSWESTRY firm of accountants is expanding and will mark a move to new premises with an open day and a visit from the mayor.

RW Accounts Ltd has moved from its Willow Street base and can now be found at 4 Arthur Street and on March 20 Councillor Martin Bennett will mark the occasion by cutting a ribbon to open the new offices.

Shoot cash for air ambulance

A CHEQUE for £500 was presented to the Wales Air Ambulance by members of Golfa Shoot, from Llangedwyn, at their annual shoot dinner held at Sweeney Hall on February 23.

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Battle over Osfest line-up

A MUSIC festival in Oswestry as been thwarted in its plans to attract more top names to the county by a rival event, organisers have revealed.

Osfest, Break For the Border bosses say attracting big acts to this year's festival has been tough because it falls on the same days as Radio One's Big Weekend, but have still declared their line-up the 'best ever'.

Many of the bands approached to play in Oswestry in May had already signed exclusivity deals for the Londonderry Big Weekend. However promoters of Osfest have still managed to produce a star-studded festival at Oswestry Showground on May 25 and 26.

by Chrissy Symmons

It boasts a line-up of chart-toppers including boyband JLS, X Factor's James Arthur and Lucy Spraggan and rapper Wiley.

Event director Carly Jackson said she had found this year difficult. "Osfest is on the same time as the Londonderry Big Weekend and a number of bands had signed an exclusivity contract so they couldn't perform anywhere else," she said.

"This year was a very tough year competing with Radio One but the acts we have we are so pleased with. I am delighted with the line up. It is the best we have ever had."

Osfest organisers celebrated the fourth annual event at the official launch party on Thursday night at the festival's new headquarters, the Townhouse, in Willow Street.

Managing director Mike Scott said: "Osfest is good for the community as the hotels and pubs get full and the town is busy. It brings a lot of money into the local economy."

The festival will be supporting local charity The Oswestry Bone Cancer Centre Appeal which aims to raise £500,000 towards a new £2million centre at the orthopaedic hospital, in Gobowen.

Tickets will be sold at the orthopaedic hospital on March 14, April 4 and May 2.

Day tickets are priced at £34.50 and weekend tickets start from £65. They can also be bought from www.osfest.co.uk

Osfest, Break For The Borders organisers Emily Bajcer, Carly Jackson, Sue Furse and Gwilym Owen with artist Danny Gruff at the launch event. *Picture: Peter Shah.*

Roundabout plan at school

A ROUNDABOUT could be set up outside Shropshire's first all-through school in a bid to ease fears over the safety of hundreds of pupils, it has been revealed.

The plans have been drawn up by Shropshire Council to ensure traffic is slowed down at the new £3.14 million St Martins School, which is set to accommodate more than 600 students aged four to 17 once work is finished next year.

Rhyn Park Secondary School and Ifton Heath Primary School officially merged last summer, but will continue to operate from their existing sites until new buildings at the Rhyn Park campus are finished.

Members of St Martins Parish Council had objected to the first set of plans due to worries over transport arrangements and where younger children would be dropped off. But Councillor Steve Davenport, who represents St Martins on Shropshire Council, told the area's local joint committee that new measures were being considered.

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Town church chosen to host council's annual civic service

MALCOLM Pate, the chairman of Shropshire Council, hosted the council's annual civic service on Sunday in Oswestry.

More than 100 people attended the event at St Oswald's Church, in Church Street, which was led by The Bishop of Lichfield, The Right Reverend Jonathan Gledhill, and the vicar of St Oswald's The Reverend Simon Thorburn.

Those in attendance included Shropshire councillors, the Lord-Lieutenant and High Sheriff; the chairmen or mayors of Shropshire's town and parish councils and the chairmen of neighbouring authorities.

There were also representatives of Shropshire organisations who work with the council. Th police and fire service were invited along with officers from the Armed Forces.

Councillor Pate said there were about 130 people there in total.

The church choir had been practising songs for the event including To Thee O Lord from the Liturgy of St John Chrysostom by Rachmaninov and Sidney Campbell's Joyus anthem Praise God in the Highest.

Review

Councillor Pate said: "The civic service provides us with an opportunity to review, reflect upon and celebrate the services the council and our partners provide to the people of Shropshire.

"It allows us to reinforce our commitment to continuing to provide the best possible service in the year ahead.

"It was a rededication of the County Council. The service went very well and we had a fair amount of people."

Each year the service is held in a different church in the county. Last year it was held at the Abbey in Shrewsbury and the year before it was on Albrighton.

"We try to take it around the county," said Councillor Pate. "St Oswald's Church was very nice."

The service lasted for about an hour and afterwards people went to The Wynnstay, in Church Street, for refreshments.

Marathon effort for hospital

Will Morris, Mandy Fitton, Melvyn Austin and Sue Austin after finishing the London Marathon two years ago.

A GROUP of friends from the Oswestry and north Shropshire area are in training for this year's London Marathon.

They hope to raise thousands of pounds for the £2 million appeal to build a bone cancer unit at the specialist Orthopaedic Hospital in Oswestry.

Ellesmere runners Melvyn and Sue Austin, Mandy Fitton, from Oswestry, and Will Morris, from Llangollen, ran the marathon in 2010 for the hospital.

They are also being joined by marathon newcomer, Melanie Oulton from Bronington, who met the others through the Ellesmere running group.

Sue said family and friends had been incredibly supportive, helping not only with training but with fundraising. Her mother, Rita Moir, has already raised almost £200 thanks to a whist drive held in Whittington.

On Friday she will hold a coffee morning at the Senior Citizen's Club in Station Road, Whittington, from 10.30am to midday.

by Graham Breeze

Former pupil back in class

AN international marketing expert from a leading global retailer is to return to her former Shropshire school to address more than 200 business people and students.

Fiona Marshall, head of marketing at online fashion and beauty retailer ASOS, will visit Moreton Hall School near Oswestry tomorrow, Friday.

She will address business leaders and students from the school's Moreton Enterprises business programme during an annual business lunch.

School spokeswoman Alex Hankinson said: "At just 32, Fiona Marshall's career is the stuff of any aspiring businesswoman's dreams.

"Originally from Dolgellau, Fiona attended Moreton Hall until 1998. She then went on to Edinburgh University before entering the world of marketing as a graduate trainee with L'Oreal."

The business lunch will be held at Moreton Hall on Friday from noon to 2pm.

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Pupils step out to take on fundraising effort in park

Back, from left, Hannah Jones, Chloe Pace-Bonello and Jay Evans. front, Dan Counter.

Prep school pupils on the walk around Cae Glas Park in Oswestry. *Picture: Peter Flemmich.*

All smiles – Gabby Owen-Langford and Lola Read take part in the walk.

SCORES of youngsters pulled on their walking shoes to help raise cash for an international campaign to stop polio.

by Graham Breeze

Children from Oswestry School Prep Department at Bellan House, Church Street, were out in the sunshine last Thursday for a sponsored crocus walk.

The event was organised by the Rotary Club of Oswestry and took place in Cae Glas Park in aid of End Polio Now.

A bugle sounded before they set off at 11am, going clockwise around the park four times. This was the second year the event has taken place. Last year the school managed to raise £1,691 which helped to vaccinate 21,000 children against the disease.

A spokesman for the school said: "The whole of Oswestry School Prep Department were involved in the walk. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the walk in the sunshine looking at the crocuses in the park.

"All the pupils managed to complete the four laps and it took them three quarters of an hour."

The pupils are now counting up the pennies to see how much they have raised. Stephen Thomas, chairman of Rotary Foundation Committee at Oswestry Rotary Club, said club has been involved with the project to eradicate polio internationally since 1985.

When the Rotary Club of Oswestry joined the campaign there were 300,000 children worldwide suffering from polio by either dying or becoming disabled. Today there are 289.

Mr Thomas said: "We are hoping that there will be no more cases at all in the next couple of years. So far this year we have heard of only four cases worldwide. We are in the end game."

In 2010 the Rotary Club of Oswestry, in conjunction with Oswestry Town Council, arranged for representatives from 10 schools to plant 5,000 crocus bulbs for the cause. The gesture was to help raise both cash and money for The Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland Thanks for Life anti-polio campaign.

The flowers were purple to represent the fact that youngsters who had been given the vaccination were daubed on the finger with a purple mark so that they were not vaccinated twice. Microsoft owner and philanthropist Bill Gates says he'd like to see it vanish from the planet in the next six years.

Talented young are rewarded for skills

YOUNG, talented singers and musicians were rewarded for their skill after taking part in an annual youth music festival in Oswestry.

Oswestry Youth and Music Festival took place in the town from February 28 until the final on Sunday.

The final concert included performances by invited winners from the festival. Youngsters battled it out to win The Gull Award, The Junior Town Council Cup and the Oswestry Town Council Cup.

Oswestry mayor Councillor Martin Bennett said: "There were excellent performances particularly in the senior classes with some energetic drum playing, two piano pieces played from memory, flute playing, two vocal solos from one young lady and some jazz playing.

"It was a very successful competition and we had 13 additional trophies donated this year. There was a lot of musical talent."

The overall winner of the junior section was Timothy Doyle, 15, on the French horn, and overall winner of the senior section was Ross Johnson, 18, on the trombone. Both students are from Oswestry.

Councillor Bennett said: "The Youth Music Festival is an important part of the tapestry of the festivals in Oswestry."

Students step back in time on castle visit

SOME of the youngest medieval re-enactors in Britain set up camp at Whittington Castle, near Oswestry, on Sunday when The King Edwards's School, Birmingham, Living History Group, made its annual visit to the castle.

Sue Ellis, castle manager, said: "Jonathan Davies led his group of students from Birmingham on their annual visit to Whittington to demonstrate life in medieval times. The living history camp demonstrated domestic life with cooking displays as well as combat displays."

The visit heralded the start of the new season for the castle, believed to be the only one in Britain run by villagers. The Whittington Castle Trust has a 99-year lease for the castle. The castle and its tea rooms are open Wednesday to Sunday from 10am to 4pm.

"We shall soon be launching an exciting programme of events and new look website," Miss Ellis said.

Easter bingo

OLDFORD Tenants & Residents Association and Oldford Active Community Group is holding an Easter Bingo on March 22 at Oldford School. Doors open at 6.30pm with eyes down 7pm. Entry, to include refreshments, is 50p.

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Jim Venerus and Mr Paterson.

Taking a look at the 20-tonne hybrid digger.

MP Owen Paterson gets to work. *Pictures: Laura Dutfield*

The 25-foot long metal pole is cut.

Kazuhiro Kondo, Jim Venerus, Tim Jones, Owen Paterson and Stuart Jones.

ENVIRONMENT Secretary Owen Paterson conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony with a difference when he formally opened a St Martins firm's base on Saturday.

by Iain St John

Instead of a ribbon, the north Shropshire MP had to cut a 25-foot long metal pole when he opened plant hire company Ridgway Rentals' headquarters. And instead of scissors, the MP used the claws of a 20 tonne hybrid digger – the first of its kind in the UK.

Bosses at the family firm said they wanted to put on an opening ceremony with a difference.

Stuart Jones of Ridgway Rentals said although the firm had been at the site on St Martins Business Park for three years it had not held a formal opening.

He said: "We thought with having the Environment Minister here to have a look at our new hybrid diggers it would be a great chance to have the opening.

"We wanted to do something different so we thought we would actually use one of the hybrids in the actual opening."

Mr Paterson also planted a tree to mark the opening of the new site and then enjoyed a tour of the base where he had another turn on a different digger.

Guests were told the firm, which employs 20 people, was leading the way in using environmentally friendly machinery.

The firm is the first in the country to have the Komatsu hybrid diggers, which take less fuel to run and produce fewer emissions.

Mr Paterson said he was delighted to be able to formally open the site and said he enjoyed conducting a different kind of ribbon ceremony.

He said: "It was great fun and a bit different. It all went well and it was great to see investment of this kind in the local area.

"It is also great to see the business park come to life. It is pleasing to see local companies using environmental friendly equipment.

"This firm is run by good people and is an important employer in St Martins."

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Reduce number of councillors to save money

JOBS are going and more cuts are on the way as Powys County Council seeks to make £30 million in savings.

Everyone in Powys will be spending an extra £25.75 on council tax on average and will be getting a reduced service, yet there is no talk of reducing the amazing number of councillors. We all appreciate how big a county Powys is but for how long can 73 councillors be justified?

One councilor at least recognised the issue this week when the cuts were confirmed. John Morris, leader of the Welsh Liberal Democrat group on the council, said he thought a reduction in the number could save between £500,000 and £1m.

How right Mr Morris is. Does a town the size of Welshpool demand three county council seats for example? In the risk of upsetting the current hard working trio I would say no.

BREEZE ABOUT TOWN
with Graham Breeze

The whole system needs a re-think. I would strongly back one elected councillor, who was properly rewarded on a full time basis.

When you consider there are at least five other county councillors situated within a short distance of Welshpool to serve the surrounding villages you start to realise how big the potential savings there are.

I know there will be arguments about the democratic process and a lack of local knowledge but I would have far more faith in a democratically elected regional councillor who worked full time at serving their area.

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A public inquiry into plans to create a 'super dairy farm' in Leighton, near Welshpool, that could house 1,000 cows, got underway this week and is expected to last up to eight days.

There's been fierce opposition to the plans for Lower Leighton Farm, with campaigners claiming that the 'plan poses a health risk and environment problems. Welshpool Town Council opposes the plans as have the National Trust who said it creates an eye sore for views from Powis Castle.

However, farmer Fraser Jones says he has addressed those concerns by modifying his plans which he says will rescue a struggling dairy industry.

The plans were initially approved by Powys County Council before the Welsh Government called them in last year and announced a public inquiry. Powys has since changed its mind and also rejected the plans.

Balancing the needs of the rural community against environmental issues has long been a major problem. Farmer Jones has identified a genuine need to expand to survive but I fear he may be asked to think again as opposition floods in from all quarters.

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Plans are in the pipeline to give Oswestry's Cae Glas Park a makeover and hold community events to commemorate the centenary of the start of the First World War.

Enthusiasts in Oswestry are considering a number of ideas to mark the occasion next year.

Cae Glas Park is a fantastic facility for Oswestry and is often taken for granted.

Let's hope the town council can get behind the enthusiastic group looking to make the improvements.

Sisters amazed by sight of giant cat in hedgerow

by Sue Austin

SISTERS Lynda Smout and Elaine Phillips thought they were seeing things as they drove home along a country road at night.

For as they drove along the St Martins to Ellesmere Road a huge, dark cat-like creature suddenly leapt over a fence and into a field.

Their amazement grew when they returned in the daylight to find enormous paw prints in the mud and a strange 'lair' like structure.

And now an expert has backed up their sighting by examining photographs and declaring the pawprints to be much larger that those of a domestic cat.

Tom Larkham from Shrewsbury, who was a cat keeper at Chester and Dudley zoos, says the prints are around the size of an exotic, jungle cat.

Spotted

And he says the animal could be a descendent of a jungle cat that he remembers being found in Shropshire in the 1980s.

The animal was spotted by the two sisters as they returned to their homes after a trip to Crewe.

Mrs Phillips, a teacher, said: "I was driving from Ellesmere to St Martins when not far from St Martins Lynda shouted 'What was that?' She had seen eyes gleaming from the hedgerows then suddenly she said the animal just took off and leapt straight over the fence and into the field.

"She was so adamant that the animal was too big to be an ordinary cat we returned in the day light.

"Once we were in the field we actually couldn't believe the size of the paw prints that we found and also the gait of the animal. It must have had a stride of about three feet."

In the corner of the field there was also a strange lair type structure, made from the stubble in the field. Fascinated by the size of the pawprints, captured on photographs, staff at the Shropshire Wildlife Trust forwarded them on to Mr Larkham.

The footprint spotted near St Martins.

A possible lair spotted near the footprint.

He is now a teacher at Coleham School in Shrewsbury, but gained a zoology degree and worked as a student zoo keeper at Chester Zoo with the large cats and then had a job with the big cats at Dudley Zoo.

He stressed that the animal would not be a big cat like a panther.

"The paw prints are smaller than that but certainly much larger than a domestic cat. It is either a gigantic domestic cat or something the size of an exotic pet such as a jungle cat.

"People who keep these exotic cats may be embarrassed if they get out."

Mr Larkham said that he remembered when researching at university a story about a large jungle cat, found dead on the road in the Oswestry area in the 1980s.

In February 1989 a jungle cat was found dead on the road near Richards Castle in South Shropshire while about 10 years ago a large cat was seen several times in the Oswestry and Gobowen area.

"Who knows, perhaps that animal mated with local feral cats and this could be a descendant?" he added

Mr Larkham said people need not worry about the cat being a danger to lambs and other animals.

"The rabbit population may be a bit nervous but animals of this size wouldn't go for lambs."

Retired RSPCA inspector Barry Williams said that he remembered the find of the jungle cat killed on the road and also of a case on the Racecourse near Oswestry a decade ago.

"A farmer contacted me about some lambs he found dead in his field. These lambs had not been savaged by dogs, they had been very skillfully killed by a wild animal, something that dogs have lost the ability to do."

"If there had been a large wild cat in the area at the time it could well have mated with a feral cat and this could be a descendant."

"Jungle cats are very lean animals and, unlike the domestic cat they do not have an 'M' on their forehead."

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A: Mediation is for all couples who no longer wish to continue in a relationship, whether they are married, unmarried, separated or about to separate. It is quite common for separated parents to need to work out new arrangements to suit a change in circumstances.

Mediation is a voluntary process to resolve the issues that arise at the end of a relationship. In relation to children matters it offers parents an opportunity to meet together with a trained mediator to consider the decisions and the arrangements that need to be made. One of the main advantages, other than it being a more cost-effective route than the traditional Court route, is that the children benefit from the continuing interest and involvement of both parents.

In the case of applications to the court for Contact, Residence or Parental Responsibility Orders, the Courts do in fact now require the application to include confirmation that mediation has been fully considered as a possible alternative to the court application, or as a means of arriving at an agreement which can form the basis of the court order.

Family Mediation is a voluntary process so you and your ex-partner must both agree to enter into it. If you appoint a trained Mediator he or she will help you in a totally unbiased way to agree new arrangements concerning your children and will advise whether they fall into the range of settlements that the Court would otherwise order.

Further information relating to this question is available from Christine Hughes, a Consultant working in the Family Law Department of GHP Legal. For information relating to any other legal matter please call GHP Legal on 01691 659194, visit www.ghplegal.co.uk or attend one of our FREE legal diagnostic clinics every Wednesday 12-3pm (no appointment necessary). GHP Legal holds the Law Society Lexcel Quality Mark Accreditation

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Migration figures are keeping the UK tabloids exercised

IF there is one thing the British tabloid press (and of course Bob Wydell) get exercised with and enjoy exaggerating as much as the EU, it's immigration.

It is used as a stick to attack our membership of the EU, which is blamed for any perceived or real increase in immigration.

Rhetoric against immigration and the EU alike has been rife recently and has been further inflamed as Bulgarian and Romanian citizens (whose countries joined in 2007) can access to the British labour market at the end of the year.

But, as is often the case with Bob Wydell and tabloid obsessions, the facts are widely ignored. The charge against immigrants is 'they' are a burden on Britain's welfare system.

The facts seem to disagree.

A study by Christian Dustman, from the UCL's Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration, found that in the year to April 2009 workers from Eastern Europe contributed £1.37 in taxes for every £1 of services they used. Native Britons on the other hand contributed 80 pence for every pound of services they consumed.

Considerable

So, far from being a burden to our welfare system, immigrant workers make a considerable contribution.

Boris Johnson noted recently that this attitude is 'making it difficult for universities and the City to attract talent from abroad'.

Nicola Dandridge, chief executive of Universities UK, went further saying, among other things, 'the flurry of recent statements by senior ministers calling for a crackdown on "bogus students" had given the impression overseas students were no longer welcome and was driving them towards countries like the US, Canada and Australia'.

Immigration is neither a burden on our welfare system nor a threat to the domestic workforce. On the contrary, immigrants, who often take up jobs natives do not desire (the social care sector being a prime example) make a significant contribution to the economy.

We should be celebrating the role they play in the UK.

ALLEN EDWARDS
Oswestry

Private sector is bleeding us dry

WORK provided by the government and paid for by the taxpayer is, and always has been, wasteful and lacking efficient management.

It is the reason why the Tories preach privatisation, conferring it with the merits of choice and better and cheaper service – it is nonsense!

The Tories privatised our utilities which did, with the exception of water/sewage, provide us with choice but the service is no better and the costs have risen dramatically.

Network Rail is a 'not for dividend' private company but receives a government subsidy four times greater than the former nationalised British Rail.

The word 'cartel' springs to mind when researching the prices of private gas and electricity providers. Private enterprise has captured the bulk of the rented property sector assisted by billions in housing benefit at twice the level of that paid to council tenants.

Eighty per cent of care homes are now in private, pricey, hands which put profit before people. Another private enterprise is PFI, Private Finance Initiative, which is supposedly a public/private partnership for capital investment and private management. Many schools and hospitals built under this method are now in serious financial trouble owing many millions to PFIs.

The press reported agencies charging hospitals £1,600 per day for an agency nurse and £20,000 per week for a doctor. Our nationalised industries may not be perfect but it is the private sector which bleeds us dry.

BOB WYDELL
Oswestry

THIS photo dates from June 1972 and the original caption explained: "This swan carved in wood has been landlocked in a garden near Oswestry for 100 years. The swan, owned by Mrs Freda Hughes, of Mount Houses, Chirk Bank, is a replica of a model made for the prow of a Liverpool boat. It was made and patented by the nephew of the man who built the houses."

Why not sell bank and give us £1m?

REGARDING Government plans to offload its stake in RBS. The last Labour Government bailed out RBS with £45 billion of taxpayers' money and now the Lib-Dems and the Conservatives have put the first bid in an effort to buy our votes with shares worth £300 to £400.

Let's do the maths. There is a thousand million in a billion, so out of £45 billion the Lib-Dems and the Conservatives are only going to give us back £300 to £400 worth of shares.

Why not sell the bank lock, stock and barrel at the full value and give every man, woman and child £1 million locked into a high interest account with the money being paid every month? That would end the benefits system and lower crime at the same time as people would not feel the need to steal or deal.

MARK NORWOOD
Oswestry

Chance to see Charlie in concert

THE inimitable Charlie Landsborough is in concert at Oakengates Theatre on Tuesday.

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No surprise that he has many fans from many parts of the world which include Australia, New Zealand, Norway and Japan, as well as the British Isles.

So, for a fabulous night out don't miss this opportunity to see dear Charlie, who is a genuinely lovely man.

DILYS MARTAYN
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Lesson in meat scandal

I'M sick of hearing about horsemeat. They eat it by the ton in France and a lot of other countries. They will be checking the milk next to see if that comes from mares.

More than half the world's population never gets to eat meat of any sort. What all this highlights is that we don't really know where much of our food comes or who handles it. Perhaps it's time we really learned to appreciate our own food producers better.

RON JONES
Oswestry

What other suggestions could be put on list for referendum?

THE immediate post EU referendum excitement has died down a little and now may be a good time to ask how much such a national exercise will cost.

I would not want to see cost being used as a means to avoid such a vote but these are times of austerity.

In view of this, would it not be feasible to suggest other questions or subjects on which the British people could voice their choice or opinion?

It would be relatively easy to start and produce a list of items for a referendum. Mr Cameron's problem with a vote on 'Hunting with Dogs' could be easily answered.

The question of whether or not we wish to leave the EU could be run alongside one that asks the electorate whether they wish to see foreign firms in charge of British Industry – my own area is still at odds with Scottish Power about 'wind farms' but I think that Scottish Power is actually owned by Imbreglia, a Spanish firm.

A referendum allows discussion and should also guarantee that the population is given information on which they have to contemplate and ultimately vote.

Should the decision prove wrong, or with hindsight disastrous, then we all know that we only have ourselves to blame.

S J PEARCE
Berriew

Caring staff at hospital

THERE is much criticism of the NHS in the media.

Having recently been a patient at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, I would like to say how well I was treated during my stay by my surgeon and her team of nursing staff.

They were very kind, caring, and extremely hard working, often working 14-hour days.

Also the cleanliness of the ward was exemplary.

KATHRYN ROBINSON
Welshpool

Give the country back to British

THERE are always a number of letters about immigration and benefits.

If a family with two children come to the UK and one has a job on minimum wage, they can claim up to £300 per week, tax free, paid by the taxpayer.

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NEWS in brief

Seeking snaps for mayor's calendar

THE search is on again for photographs for Welshpool Town Council's 2014 Mayor's calendar.

Anyone wishing to submit photographs for consideration should submit them no later than May 31 to the clerk's office.

The winning entries for each month will be judged by the mayor and some invited guests.

The photographs should be of Welshpool sights, attractions and buildings but featuring some wildlife within each photograph.

Pictures should be submitted on a memory stick or by e-mail.

Council reveals window winners

WELSHPOOL Town Council has announced its winners for the St David's Day window competition.

The Mayor, Councillor John Meredith and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Malcolm Douglass, were out and about judging and The Tuck Box in Hall Street were the winners.

Runners-up were: Morris Marshall & Poole, Broad Street; Powis Animal Welfare, Severn Street and Flaunt -It, in Cumberland Place.

Society meeting

THE Welshpool Society will hold the last meeting of the season at The Corn Exchange in Welshpool Town Hall, on March 12. Admission is £2.

Alcoholic jailed over burglary

AN ALCOHOLIC from Welshpool has been jailed after a court heard how she preyed on vulnerable elderly people, burgling the home of a wheelchair-bound 87-year-old and emptying her post office account and then stealing the purse of an 82-year old dementia suffer while pretending to comfort her.

Catrina Thomas, 39, of Bron y Buckley, Welshpool, then denied the offences and blamed her own mother, who has since died, Mold Crown Court heard.

by Graham Breeze

Thomas was convicted by magistrates after pleading not guilty to burglary and fraud. She admitted stealing the purse.

At Mold Crown Court last Thursday she was jailed for 18 months and the judge, Mr Recorder Philip Davies, made an indefinite restraining order banning her from approaching the theft victim.

He said the order would offer some peace of mind to her victim.

"These were mean and despicable offences against elderly and vulnerable women," he said.

Mr Philip Clemo, prosecuting, said that the burglary victim was an 87-year-old, wheelchair-bound woman.

Thomas told police she had gone to the flat with her mother but denied being involved in either the burglary or the fraud.

Mr Clemo said that the victim of the theft was a dementia sufferer who had got upset in the Welshpool One Stop Shop. Thomas had been in the shop and went to comfort her. But she stole the victim's green purse – and later claimed to police that she thought it was her mother's purse.

Mrs Debra White, defending, said that her client still protested her innocence over the burglary and fraud.

The defendant was an alcoholic and had been for many years. She had deteriorated to such an extent in 2011 that she had been close to death, drinking 10 cans of strong lager a day and unable to leave the house.

Ramblers take lakeside route

JIM Rowley will lead Welshpool Ramblers on an eight-and-a-half mile walk around Adfa on Sunday.

The route will initially be on a lengthy stone road, climbing steadily to moorland paths to the 'Four Lakes': Llyn Mawr, Du, Tarw and Gwgia Reservoir.

Walkers are asked to meet at 10am at the bridle path near Adfa, parking on the left (OS Ref: SJ 053002) or 9.30am at the upper side of Church Street car park, Welshpool, from where shared transport may be available. All are welcome, but no dogs please. Further information can be obtained on (01686) 650984.

Members are reminded of the short walk with a pub lunch on March 24 at the Navigation Inn, Maesbury. Those who haven't already booked lunch should call Vic or Sandra on (01743) 884930.

On February 24 Heather Smith led a group of 11 on a circular walk from Pennant Melangell.

TV slot for fishmonger Phil

Fishmonger Phil Roberts, from Welshpool, who appeared on the Morrisons mini adverts before Ant's and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway show. ***Picture: Laura Dutfield.***

FISHMONGER Phil Roberts knows a lot about seafood – and on Saturday night he showed off his expertise in front of millions of people as part of a new advertising campaign.

In the TV slot before Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway, the Welshpool man, who works in a Newtown supermarket was handed a fish and asked to identify it – blindfolded.

The 43-year-old works in the Newtown branch of Morrisons and is one of a number of the chain's employees starring in a series of mini-adverts throughout the year.

Mr Roberts said: "It was great to be chosen to star in a national TV campaign, especially one that was so much fun to film." Mr Roberts has been a fishmonger for 23 years. He has been working at Morrisons for eight years and before that was a staff member at Dereks Plaice in Welshpool.

He said he has a wide knowledge of fish and once a year visits local schools to talk to youngsters.

The father of three said his family were excited about him being on television.

Morrisons' deal with ITV sees it sponsoring ITV's flagship Saturday night hit shows Britain's Got Talent and Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway as well as a major advertising and brand campaign fronted by the TV duo.

Author in plea for help with new book

ENTERTAINERS from the Mid Wales area past and present are being asked to come forward for a new book project by Welshpool history enthusiast and writer, Alan Crowe.

Mr Crowe said a number of musicians and actors of the stage and screen have been born or have roots in Powys, so he has decided to write a book on the subject.

He said: "Mid Wales has produced a great number of varied entertainers over the years. From television soap stars, to rock musicians, Covent Garden opera singers, TV film producers, comedy greats, national beauty queens and more.

"It is surprising how much talent has emerged from such a vast, rural, sparsely populated area."

Mr Crowe said that while he will keep the identities under wraps until the book is complete, the most recent name to hit the national scene is Angela Sinden, from Welshpool, who produced TV comedy Great Night Out for ITV.

He added: "I have been a professional entertainer for more than 30 years."

Anyone who is or whose family were involved in the entertainment business from Mid Wales should contact Alan on 07782 166342 or e mail alan60s@live.com or by post to 51 Leighton View, Welshpool, SY21 7UJ.

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St David's Day launch for Welsh tourism website

Promoting the launch of the new Visit Mid Wales.co.uk website at Powys Castle on Friday, was Swantje Staar, assistant visitor services manager. *Picture: Peter Flemmich.*

by Graham Breeze

A NEW website was launched on St David's Day to promote tourism in Mid Wales.

Assembly Members, MPs and county, town and community councillors were invited to the launch at Powis Castle of the new www.VisitMidWales.co.uk website.

Tourism business owners and managers were also invited to attend the event which is aimed at raising awareness of the tourism industry's importance to the economy.

A behind the scenes tour of Powis Castle was laid on for the visitors.

The event was jointly organised by the National Trust and Mid Wales Tourism, an independent organisation that represents 600 tourism and hospitality businesses across Powys, Ceredigion and Meirionnydd.

Val Hawkins, MWT's chief executive Val Hawkins said the event would help highlight the revenue generated by tourism.

Powis Castle property manager Emma Thompson added: "The National Trust, as the largest tourism business in Wales, is committed to doing all we can to boost tourism.

"As a sector worth £1.8 billion to the Welsh economy it is essential that we continue to build on our successes and play a key role in attracting and entertaining visitors to Wales."

MWT is calling on the region's tourism businesses to highlight their ongoing investment in quality accommodation and visitor attractions, so that politicians at all levels understand the important contribution that they make to the economy.

An indicator of this investment in quality came last November, when 10 hotels and 38 guest accommodation businesses in Mid Wales achieved the highest Gold Award rating from Visit Wales, the Welsh Government's tourism arm, claiming more than a third of all Gold Awards in Wales.

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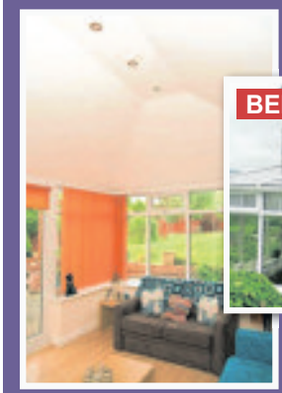

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Appeal cash helps hospice and store

OSWESTRY'S children's hospice and a county-based furniture recycling initiative are quids in thanks to a rotary club's Christmas fundraising appeal.

Oswestry Rotary Club's Tree of Light appeal, a Christmas Tree where people give a donation to leave a message for a loved one, proved a huge success.

Club bosses have handed over the first cheques from the appeal. The first was at Hope House Children's Hospice where its fundraising manager, Vanessa Thomas, received a cheque for £500.

She said: "I would like to thank The Rotary Club of Oswestry, all their members involved and the people who have given so generously.

"Rotary Clubs are amongst our valued regular donors whose contribution to our funds has never been as important as in today's very difficult environment for charities like ours."

The second was to a new beneficiary of the appeal The Shropshire Housing Alliance Furniture Store.

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Rail link will help the economy

A £9 MILLION proposal to reinstate Oswestry's link to the national rail network will re-energise the area's tourism and is a 'must do' project, it has been claimed.

by Iain St John

Volunteers from Cambrian Heritage Railways say similar projects in other towns bring in millions of pounds from tourists and have revealed work is being done now on securing a piece of legislation to allow passengers to travel from Oswestry to Gobowen station, which is on the national network.

Roger Date, a trustee from the rail group, said re-opening the Oswestry to Gobowen link was the first phase of the organisation's ambitious plans.

He said that link alone would cost £3 million while the second phase, re-opening the line from Oswestry to Weston, would cost £1.2 million.

The third phase – a link to Porthywaen and Llynclys – would cost £2.8 million, while a final part, opening a link to Blodwell, would cost £2 million.

Mr Date said opening the Gobowen link would allow Oswestry to once have direct rail access to the national network for the first time since 1966.

He said opening a link to Weston would allow people to visit the Stonehouse Brewery and its visitor centre, and joining the line to Llynclys would allow visits to the Llanymynech Heritage Area, while Blodwell would ink to Offa's Dyke and the Tanat Valley Light Railway.

Mr Date said the next key step would be to secure a transport works order, allowing passengers to use the line.

He added that the line in Ffestiniog brought in £9 million of tourism spending every year and created more than 300 jobs.

He said: "Heritage railways have been highly successful tourist attractions. A railway from Gobowen to Oswestry is a must do."

Mr Date said once the transport works order was secured, the group could start work on securing funding, and be contacting organisations such as the Heritage Lottery Fund.

He said the group hoped to have the transport works order approved by August 2013, with building starting in 2015 and completed by April 2017.

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Mum's fundraiser

Pictured are Luca-James Wood, with, from left, mum Emma-Jayne Bond and Jasmine Neale, from Gibsons. ***Picture: Peter Flemmich.***

AN Oswestry woman is holding a fundraising night to thank staff from a neo-natal unit for helping her and her son.

Emma Bond, 22, is holding a ladies' night on Saturday from 8pm to 11pm at Gibsons night club in New Street.

There will be a drag act, two male strippers and a karaoke. The theme of the night will be pink. A collection bucket will also be out to raise as much as possible.

Miss Bond said the cause was close to her heart because she spent at the unit in Royal Shrewsbury Hospital when her baby Luca was born prematurely eight months ago.

"Shrewsbury Hospital were fantastic with me," she said. "I am a first-time mum and had a very difficult birth.

"Luca arrived eight weeks early which was a bit of a scare.

"They were very supportive with the birth and he was taken straight to the neo-natal unit.

"I was in there for three weeks and I saw the amazing things they did. The main thing I thought was they are so busy there but still had time to be brilliant with each and every mum."

She will also be collecting clothes for premature babies to be donated to the unit.

For more information or to buy a ticket visit the Facebook page at **www.facebook.com/gibsons.nightclub**

Gibsons night club is also having a Thirsty Thursday event on May 2 with Hollyoaks actor Danny Mac, aka Dodger, who will be making an appearance at about 9.30pm.

New consultation on £1m bonanza

A SECOND round of public consultation is to be held to help decide how a £1 million lottery bonanza should be spent to improve three villages around Oswestry.

The Big Local programme is aimed at helping communities which have missed out on lottery funding.

The £1 million will be spent over 10 years to improve Gobowen, St Martins and Weston Rhyn and scheme organisers say they will soon reach the stage where they can start drawing down the cash.

Delivery group chairman Nick Heard said the results of the first round of consultation, carried out over the last two years, have been analysed and six priorities have been identified.

These include a plan to help schools develop gifted and talented young people, give unemployed people mock job interviews with local businesses and provide access to affordable housing in the three villages.

Other projects in the pipeline include a new website, the formation of a formal partnership to bring the project to a conclusion and the writing of a community plan to outline exactly how the £1 million should be spent.

Mr Heard said the second round of consultation will ask villagers for their opinion on the identified priorities.

He said: "The website will be operating very soon, and will provide a quick and convenient way of finding out about progress."

Craft fair with 50s theme

THE Willow Gallery in Oswestry will step back in time with a 1950s themed craft fair on Saturday.

The event at the gallery in Willow Street will include 14 stalls offering handcrafted items from local artists, including ceramics, wood, glass, textiles and jewellery.

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Hospital pledge on standard of nursing

BOSSES at Oswestry's orthopaedic hospital say they are confident no immediate action needs to be taken within the organisation in the wake of the Stafford Hospital care inquiry.

But members of Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital's trust board have been encouraged to keep their 'eyes and ears' open to identify any lapses in nursing treatment to ensure its excellent care continues.

A report on the findings of the Francis Report, which investigated poor nursing care and the deaths of hundreds of patients at Stafford Hospital, was presented to the orthopaedic trust board yesterday.

Wendy Farrington Chadd, the trust board's chief executive, said the Gobowen-based hospital was already providing the high level of care recommended by the Francis Report.

Mrs Farrington Chadd said that various meetings had been organised in the wake of the Francis Report and added: "We are watching with interest but there is nothing immediate I think we need to do."

Trust board chairman Russell Hardy said: "You can have the best governance arrangements in place but unless you have your eyes and ears open in any institution you can miss stuff."

Museum has 6,000 visitors

by Graham Breeze

MORE than 6,000 people have visited Oswestry town museum, volunteers revealed this week.

The museum, based on the top floor of The Guildhall on Bailey Head, was officially opened in March 2012 by the then-town Mayor Cynthia Hawksley.

It started with four volunteers but today it has 12.

A recent tally of visitors has shown that 6,300 people have had a look around, with some even bringing along their own historical items to be displayed.

Mark Hignett, from the museum, said: "We knew people would be interested in the museum but we didn't realise the amount of interest.

"Things have gone better than we thought over the last 12 months.

"We had our own hopes for it but it is better than we thought and the feedback has been great.

"From having just four volunteers we have now got 12 regular volunteers.

"We are very grateful for all the support from the town council has given us. Without the town council we would have gone ahead with the museum but it would not have gone ahead the way it has. It has given us a more professional setting."

Mr Hignett said they there were no formal celebrations because volunteers have been working on a number of projects including creating a memorial to those who fought in the wars of the 1800s.

Mr Hignett said there had been talk of developing a museum in the town for several years but for a variety of reasons nothing had ever came to fruition.

In the first week of the museum opening last March there were 400 visitors.

The museum was officially opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony in front of about 80 guests. It is open on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am until 4pm and Saturdays from 10am until 3.30pm.

Family is key to heart campaign

THE influence of family and friends will be key to the success of a campaign against heart disease, it has been claimed.

Everyone in the county aged 40 to 74 will be getting an invitation from their GP practice to take a NHS Health Check to identify those at risk of cardiovascular disease.

Stephen Roberts, programme lead for the campaign, said people will have their blood pressure, body mass index and blood tested during the 20-minute checks and their GP will calculate their 'risk score' – the probability of them having heart problems.

Mr Roberts said: "Health checks can save lives and when people are invited to a health check we would invite their families to encourage them to attend.

"We have found that when they are asked, people are more likely to take advice from family and friends than listen to the letter from the doctor." He made the comments at a meeting of Gobowen, Selattyn and Weston Rhyn LJC last Tuesday.

After school fun for pupils

PUPILS from West Felton School have after school activities as part of the curriculum. Year one and two are seen taking part in a book club with year six helping run it. Activities include dance aerobics, craft clubs, jewellery club, choir, tennis, tag rugby, football, cheerleading, Christian club, Ocarina club and crochet club. *Picture: Peter Flemmich.*

Students' artwork in finals of contest

TWO budding artists from Ellesmere College have had their work selected for a national competition.

Olivia Fisher, 17 and Freddie Houlder, 16, are taking part in the Living Edge Schools Arts Competition.

They will compete in their respective age categories and are the only two pupils to represent the county in the north west competition.

Their art work will be judged by a panel of 10 judges made up from practising artists and art dealers.

This year's finals of the competition in Manchester saw a record turnout.

Each age category possessed the maximum 17 pieces of artwork, competing for the top two honours.

Olivia said: "I am so pleased that my artwork has been chosen for the final and that my portrait of my grandma was selected.

"The theme for this competition was 'family' and the focus of my portrait was a cut back to show emotion. It's nice to be in the final."

Siobhan Phillips, head of art, said: "I am extremely proud of Olivia and Freddie, they are both natural artists and have worked extremely hard to get into the finals.

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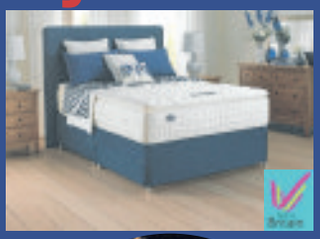

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Chris Pope, Co-Director, PTI said: "The Leadership Programme's aim is not just to encourage high-level discussion and debate about how success is achieved and maintained in schools but also to start accumulating a solid mass of research-based evidence which will help other schools to develop leadership strategies that promote effective teaching.

"We are delighted to be awarding the Marks to so many well-deserving schools and their heads."

In the first year of the programme, 33 schools have been awarded the PTI Schools Leadership Programme Mark.

The Prince's Teaching Institute (PTI) is an organisation run by teachers for teachers. It aims to inspire teachers in their subject disciplines, to develop subject expertise, and to give them the confidence to introduce their pupils to challenging material.

In 2007, the PTI introduced the Schools Programme, a membership scheme which sustains the spirit of the Summer Schools, started in 2002, in the running of school departments by enriching subject provision both inside and outside the classroom.

Ysgol Rhiwabon pupils hard at work.

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Exciting and creative curriculum at school

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HOLY Trinity Church of England Primary School is situated on Middleton Road in Eastern Oswestry.

The school has an integral nursery staffed by a qualified teacher and two nursery nurses. It has a cookery room, music room, design and technology room and a fully-stocked library.

The school was recently awarded the prestigious International Award by the British Council for its link with Sri Lankan schools.

There is an exciting, creative curriculum at Holy Trinity which has included the children being involved in a project which raised enough money for each class to buy a desk for a school in Kenya, 12 in all.

In December 2012 Years 5 and 6 wrote to local businesses for donations of ingredients to make and decorate cakes which they sold at the Christmas concert, raising £600 for Barnardos.

This supported their project on the Victorians which included work on Doctor Barnardo who started the children's charity.

Various music lessons are taught at the school including percussion, keyboards, violin and recorders and there is a school choir which regularly takes part in singing events. The school also has successful football, cross country, athletics and netball teams.

There are numerous after-school clubs such as fencing, cookery, pet club, mini golf, film club, learning skills and football.

Entry into the annual Oswestry in Bloom competition has brought further success for the past three years. The school has won first place in the category of Outstanding Work by Young People every year and has also been the winner or runner up in the Best Kept School.

Holy Trinity has recently become a Forest School. Parents and children have planted and are looking after four hundred trees.

Children go outside regularly to be involved in activities and to learn new skills. A children's School Council and an Eco Group meet regularly to discuss their ideas.

The Friends of Holy Trinity organise fundraising events for extra resources for the school.

The older children are currently busy producing a school newspaper following a visit from Graham Breeze and Alan Slavin of the Oswestry Chronicle.

Pupils outside Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School.

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Spring lambing event will be held at campus

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As always there will be a huge number of things to see and do, including visiting the new-born lambs and calves, with the definite possibility of some being born on the day.

Visitors will also notice that Walford farm is currently undergoing some changes. There is a new 300 cow dairy building currently being constructed in the farm yard. This new building will have both conventional and robotic milking machines, and will be operational by summer 2013.

The award-winning, eco-friendly Harris Centre which houses more than 90 species of animals, including exotics, meerkats, alpacas and birds of prey is always hugely popular. As are the animal displays which this year will include the Whitchurch Dog Display Team, an equine display and a milking display in the afternoon.

Tractor and trailer rides will be on offer, while those who fancy a slightly more energetic form of movement can always have a go at rolling around in a Super Zorb.

Among the other attractions will be countryside stalls to browse, a bouncy castle, face-painting, tombola, a Wacky Scarecrow treasure hunt and clay pigeon shooting for those who wish to show off their aim.

For more information about Lambing Day, about where we are, or about courses at Walford and North Shropshire College, please visit our website at www.wnsc.ac.uk or telephone (01939) 262100

Left to right, level 3 horse management students; Lindsey Stone, Jodie Williams and Marc Pugh with two of this year's new-born lambs.

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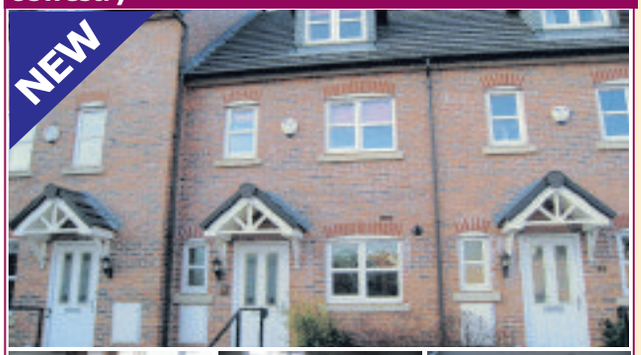

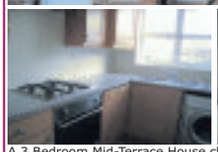

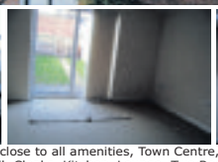

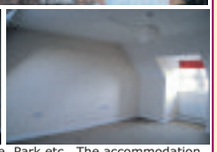

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(EPC Rating E) NO CHAIN

£236,000

LLANFECHAIN

A Registered Smallholding, Situated in an idylic setting with views over farmland 4 Bedroomed Detached Cottage must be viewed to appreciate its character and location. Tucked away with a high degree of privacy and benefitting from two paddocks and extending to approximately 3.8 acres (1.54 hectares), Barn, hay store, stable.
Garage/workshop. Briefly c omprising, Living Room, Sitting Room, Breakfast Kitchen, two bathrooms, cloaks/w.c. utility, 4 bedrooms, oil central heating.

£425,000

ELLESMERE

A two bedroom terraced property located on the edge of Ellesmere convenient to all amenities and within walking distance of the picturesque mere. Having lounge with feature brick fireplace and slate hearth and beams to ceiling. Bathroom, Kitchen and two bedrooms. The property has rear yard and private terraced garden. There is a resident parking permit available. (EPC Rating C)

£99,995

Whittington

NEW

A deceptively spacious three/four bedroom semi detached house situated on the outskirts of Whittington well placed for access to Oswestry and the A5 road network. The property has two reception rooms, a family room/bedroom 4, a large breakfast kitchen and a utility, with three good sized bedrooms and a re-styled bathroom. To the side of the property is a workshop, store shed and a garage with parking to the front of the garage and to the rear. An internal inspection is recommended. (EPC Rating E)

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St Brides, 29 Llanforda Rise, Oswestry

- Detached dormer-style residence
- Three receptions, sun room and cloaks
- Three bedrooms and study
- Double glazed, gas-fired central heating
- Enclosed rear garden and garage
- Exceptionally well maintained
- Energy efficiency rating = 64

Oswestry Office 01691 679595

£260,000

3 Lime Grove, Oswestry **£74,995**

- First floor two bedroom flat
- Gas-fired central heating, Double glazed
- Good sized gardens, Brick built garden store
- Established well served residential estate
- Ideal first time/investment property
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 66

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91 Applewood Heights, West Felton

- Mid terrace two bedroom house
- Lounge and kitchen/diner
- Enclosed rear garden and parking to fore
- Well maintained accommodation
- Ideal first-time or investment purchase
- Energy Efficiency Rating: 71

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£117,000

Candia, Great Ness, Shrewsbury

- Beautifully presented detached bungalow situated in a conservation area
- Fitted kitchen, breakfast room, lounge and separate dining room
- Three bedrooms, master with en-suite shower room, plus main bathroom
- Spacious loft area which could possibly be converted (subject to planning)
- Landscaped gardens, off road parking, space for motorhome
- Energy Efficiency Rating = D

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Ty Carreg, Llangynog

- Well Located south facing Residential Smallholding
- Stone built 2 Bedroomed Cottage. Double Glazed
- Sitting & Dining Rooms, Kitchen. Conservatory
- Two Bedroom with En-suites. Oil Fired Heating
- Picturesque views across and down the valley
- Extending to 45 Acres (or thereabouts)
- Purpose built Stable and Tack Room. EER=44

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1 Holly Cottage, BwlchYCibau, Llanfyllin

- Semi-Detached House with open views
- Subject to Section 106. Elec Heating. DGlazed
- Sitting Room with wood burner. Conservatory
- Kitchen/Dining Room. 3 Bedrooms, Shower Room
- Parking. Front lawn/decking. Raised rear garden
- Approx 4 miles from Llanfyllin. EER= 63

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Plot One, Bower Farm Overton Rd, St Martins **£240,000pcm**

- Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Two reception rooms, kitchen and utility
- Master bedroom en-suite and family bathroom
- Full D/glazing, Gas C/H, Detached garage
- Central location in well served village
- Building works not yet commenced

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19 Meadowbrook Court, Gobowen

- Close Care Residential Bungalow
- Lounge / Diner, Single Double Bedroom
- Rear Conservatory and enclosed courtyard
- Central heating and double glazing
- On-site admin staff and/or 24 hour alarm
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 58

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£95,000

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3 Bed Semi-Det House, Gas C/H, Garage, FTE, No Pets. (EER=65) ..... **£575 pcm**
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This immaculate detached three bedroom bungalow with large conservatory, garage and parking must be viewed to be appreciated.

- 3 Bedroom (Master & En-Suite)
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Gas Fired Central Heating
- Gardens
- Garage & Parking
- Current EPC Rating C

Chapel Croft, Weston Rhyn

Price: £219,950 Contact Oswestry

NEW NO CHAIN

A five bedroom (one box room) semi detached family home with garage, parking and gardens.

- 5 Bedroom (1 Box Room)
- Garage & Parking
- Gardens
- Large Kitchen / Diner
- Gas CH & UPVC DG
- Current EPC Rating D

College Road, Oswestry

Price: £124,950 Contact Oswestry

NEW NO CHAIN

A spacious three bedroom detached bungalow recently updated situated in a most sought after residential area of Oswestry.

- 3 Bedroom
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Garage & Ample Parking
- Gardens To Front & Rear
- Current EPC Rating E

Aston Way, Oswestry

Price: £135,000 Contact Oswestry

NEW

An immaculate extended three double bedroom family home with luxury bathroom and open plan kitchen / dining and family room.

- 3 Double Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Gardens & Parking
- Viewing Essential
- Current EPC Rating D

Maes Yr Afon, Llanrhaeadr

Price: £167,500 Contact Oswestry

NEW

This immaculate 1930's three bedroom semi detached family home offers spacious accommodation and is situated in a pleasant cul de sac location.

- 3 Bed (2 Double)
- 2 Receptions & Conservatory
- Garage & Parking
- Gardens
- Gas CH & DG
- Current EPC Rating E

Oak Drive, Oswestry

Price: £186,950 Contact Oswestry

NEW NO CHAIN

A five bedroom detached property with adjoining paddocks and outbuildings situated on the edge of a popular village set in over 5 acres.

- 5 Bedrooms
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Set In Over 5 Acres
- Outbuildings
- DG & Oil CH
- Current EPC Rating F

Bron Frynwy, Llanymynech

Price: £355,000 Contact Oswestry

NEW NO CHAIN

This handsome detached farmhouse offers traditional accommodation. The property benefits from original features and is located is quiet rural area with excellent commuter links and must be viewed to be appreciated.

- 5 Bedrooms
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Outbuildings
- Grounds To Approx 4 Acres
- Garage & Parking
- Current EPC Rating F

Overton Road, St Martins

Price: £440,000 Contact Oswestry

A FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOM family home situated in a quiet cul de sac in a popular residential area. The property is warmed by gas fired central heating and benefits from UPVC double glazing (installed in 2010), conservatory and garage.

- 4 Double Bedrooms (Master & En-Suite)
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Conservatory
- Garage & Parking
- Current EPC Rating C

Poplar Close, St Martins

Price: £199,950 Contact Oswestry

A 15th century three bedroom detached character cottage overlooking the Penarth Valley, this property needs to be viewed to be fully appreciated

- 3 Bed Detached Cottage
- Oil Central Heating
- Workshop & Barn
- Gardens
- Rural Location
- Current EPC Rating E

Caethle, Meifod

Price: £249,950 Contact Oswestry

NO CHAIN

A Grade II listed property situated in the sought after village of Whittington. Offering character and charm, the property needs to be viewed to be truly appreciated.

- 2 Bedroom
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Gardens
- Parking
- Village Location
- Current EPC Rating E

Oswestry Road, Whittington

Price: £139,950 Contact Oswestry

NO CHAIN

A highly desirable detached barn conversion situated 5 miles from Oswestry Town with an adjoining 1 acre paddock.

- 3 Bedroom (2 With En-Suite)
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Located down a quiet country lane
- Oak Fitted Kitchen
- Character Features
- Current EPC Rating D

Owlbrook, Waenwen Farm, Crickheath

Price: £359,950 Contact Oswestry

A THREE bedroom cottage mews situated in a most convenient village location with excellent commuter links.

- 3 Bedrooms
- 2 Receptions & Conservatory
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Garden & Parking
- Current EPC Rating D

Westlea, Weston Rhyn

Price: £139,950 Contact Oswestry

This extended detached family home offers spacious and adaptable accommodation which is warmed by gas fired central heating and the property benefits from double glazing.

- 4/5 Bedroom (Potential Annex)
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Gardens
- Parking
- Gas CH & DG
- Current EPC Rating D

Balmoral Crescent, Oswestry

Price: £215,000 Contact Oswestry

This Georgian style family home of character situated in the picturesque Tanat Valley with paddock and outbuildings.

- 4 Bedrooms
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Detached Barn & Garage
- Approx 1 Acre
- Oil CH & DG
- Current EPC Rating E

Glanhafon Uchaf, Penybontfawr

Price: £275,000 Contact Oswestry

A well appointed and individually designed detached bungalow offering spacious accommodation with views to The Breidden Hills or open countryside from most windows and conservatory.

- 2 Bed Bungalow
- 2 Receptions & Conservatory
- Oil Central Heating
- UPVC DG & PVC Panels
- Standing In Just Over 2 Acres
- Current EPC Rating D

The Haven, Four Crosses

Price: £355,000 Contact Oswestry

A most spacious detached family home offering spacious and well planned accommodation in a popular residential area.

- 5 Bedrooms (2 With En-Suites)
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Garage & Parking
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Current EPC Rating C

Cae Onan, Morda

Price: £234,950 Contact Oswestry

A semi detached family home offering three double bedrooms, two reception rooms and generous size gardens and garage.

- 3 Double Bedrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Garage & Parking
- Current EPC Rating D

Palmantmawr, Weston Rhyn

Price: £129,950 Contact Oswestry

NO CHAIN

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A charming detached sandstone cottage situated in a sought after village location with stunning views.

- 2 Bedroom Cottage.
- Sought After Village.
- Lovely Cottage Gardens.
- Gas CH & UPVC DG
- Stunning Views
- Current EPC Rating E

Quinta Cottage, Ruyton XI Towns

Price: £214,950 Contact Oswestry

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EPC RATING E
OIRO £224,950

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4 BED DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
CONSERVATORY
EPC RATING D
OIRO £219,950

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3 BED DORMA BUNGALOW
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
CONSERVATORY
EPC RATING F
OIRO £214,950

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3 BED DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
DOUBLE GLAZING
EPC RATING C
OIRO £194,995

St Martins **2 COTTAGE FIELDS**
3/4 BED DET BUNGALOW
EXTENSIVE CORNER PLOT
D/G WHERE STATED
EPC RATING E
OPEN TO OFFERS £189,950

Llanymynech **COED Y LADE**
3/4 BED DET BUNGALOW
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING D
OIRO £189,950

Llansilin **BERWYNFA**
3 BED DET BUNGALOW
NO CHAIN
PVC DOUBLE GLAZING
EPC RATING D
OIRO £189,950

Oswestry **57 APPLEWOOD HEIGHTS**
5/6 BED DET HOUSE
3 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING D
DOWNSTAIRS SHOWER ROOM
£189,950

Oswestry **THE COTTAGE**
3/4 BED DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING E
OIRO £184,950

Oswestry **20 CROXON RISE**
3 BED DET BUNGALOW
NO CHAIN
LIVING ROOM/ DINER
EPC RATING D
OIRO £174,950

Gobowen **HOLMLEA**
3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
EPC RATING D
OIRO £169,950

Oswestry **21 BERESFORD GARDENS**
2 BEDROOM PROPERTY
SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION
MODERN KITCHEN
EPC RATING C
OIRO £164,950

Oswestry **11 PERRY VIEW**
2 BED DET BUNGALOW
UTILITY AREA
PVC D/G WHERE STATED
EPC RATING D
OIRO £149,995

Oswestry **11 PARK AVENUE**
3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
PERIOD FEATURES
EPC RATING D
OIRO £149,950

Oswestry **35 AMBLESIDE ROAD**
2 BED DET BUNGALOW
NO CHAIN
RECENTLY MODERNISED
EPC RATING D
OIRO £149,950

Oswestry **15 BROOKHOUSE ROAD**
3 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
CONSERVATORY
EPC RATING C
OIRO £139,950

Oswestry **68 YORK STREET**
FOUR BED MID TERRACE
NO CHAIN
TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING E
OIRO £139,950

Oswestry **11 WATS DRIVE**
3 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING E
£129,995

Oswestry **7 COMBS LA VILLE CLOSE**
2 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE
KITCHEN/DINER
MODERN INTERIOR
EPC RATING D
OIRO £124,950

Oswestry **17 ASCOT ROAD**
2 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
CONSERVATORY
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
OIRO £119,950

Oswestry **28 REGENT COURT**
2 BED 2ND FLOOR APARTMENT
NO CHAIN
EPC RATING C
LIVING/DINING ROOM
OIRO £118,500

Oswestry **15 LABURNUM DRIVE**
3 BED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
NO CHAIN
EPC RATING D
OIRO £109,950

Oswestry **82 CASTLE STREET**
2 BED TERRACE HOUSE
NO CHAIN
KITCHEN/ DINER
EPC RATING C
OIRO £109,950

Oswestry **FLAT 2 OSWALD'S COURT**
2 BED APARTMENT
GROUND FLOOR
NO CHAIN
EPC RATING C
OFFERS OVER £104,950

Oswestry **28 ERW WEN**
2 BED END TERRACE
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
PVC DOUBLE GLAZING
EPC RATING D
OIRO £104,950

St Martins **KINVER COTTAGE**
2 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
VIEWINGS RECOMMENDED
OIL CENTRAL HEATING
OIRO £97,500

Oswestry **6 PARK TERRACE**
2 BED TERRACE HOUSE
NO CHAIN
MODERN KITCHEN
EPC RATING C
OIRO £97,500

Oswestry **96 UPPER CHURCH STREET**
2 BED DET BUNGALOW
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
ENCLOSED GARDEN
EPC RATING D
PCM £525

Morda **2 MILARS FIELD**
3 BED MEWS HOUSE
KITCHEN/ DINER
ALLOCATED PARKING
EPC RATING C
PCM £525

Oswestry **12 LLYS CLOSE**
2 BED MID TERRACE HOUSE
MODERN KITCHEN
EPC RATING D
OFF ROAD PARKING
PCM £475

Oswestry **4 CAE MELIN AVENUE**
2 BED TERRACE HOUSE
CONSERVATORY
ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
EPC RATING C
PCM £475

Oswestry **10 YORK STREET**
2 BED MID TERRACE HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
DOWNSTAIRS SHOWER ROOM
EPC RATING D
PCM £450

Oswestry **THE APARTMENT,CHURCH STREET**
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Offers in Region of £365,000

Polska Street, Penley

..PRICED TO SELL - WITH NO CHAIN.. Enjoying a pleasant cul-de-sac location within this recently constructed new development, Richmond Harvey Properties are favoured with instructions to market this most well appointed modern 3 bedroom detached family house which has the benefit of being sold with No Onward Chain. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge with archway to Dining Room, Kitchen, First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom Ensuite, Two Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Fired Central Heating, Driveway providing ample off-street parking, Garage and Gardens. MUST BE SEEN.

Offers in Region of £159,995

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Derwen Green, Four Crosses

..TASTEFULLY IMPROVED ACCOMMODATION.. Enjoying a pleasant cul-de-sac location, 3 bedroom link detached bungalow which has the benefit of being sold with NO ONWARD CHAIN. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Porch, Hallway, Living Room, Re-Fitted Kitchen/Dining Room, Three Double Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom, Oil Fired Central Heating, PVC Double

Offers in Region of £204,000

Four Crosses, Powys

..WITH DELIGHFUL VIEWS TO REAR.. A modern deceptively spacious 3 bedroom detached family home with; Oil Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Driveway providing ample off-road parking/turning, Garage and Gardens. Internal Viewing Fully Recommended.

Offers in Region of £219,950

Llanforda Mead, Oswestry

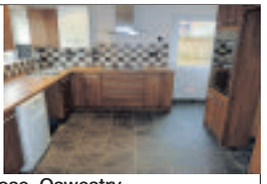
..HIGHLY SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION.. 3 bedroom detached bungalow with Gas Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing, Driveway providing ample off-street parking, Garage,

Offers in Region of £225,000

Aston Way, Oswestry

Extended 4 bed semi which benefits from an attractive Kitchen/Breakfast Room and Conservatory with Gas Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Driveway providing ample off-road parking and Garden to Rear. NO CHAIN.

Offers Over £152,000



Summerfield Close, Oswestry

..RECENTLY RE-FITTED KITCHEN AND BATHROOM.. Enjoying a pleasant cul-de-sac location within this favoured residential locality, Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to release this modern 3 bedroom semi detached house to the market which benefits from a recently refitted kitchen and bathroom. Gas Fired Central Heating (Underfloor to Living Room and

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Pool Quay, Nr Welshpool

A most delightfully situated and most well appointed three bedroom character attached barn conversion to the market which was tastefully completed during 2003. The property offers a wealth of character features together with a traditional attached former farm building with full planning permission (No M07071) for conversion into a superior 5/6 bedroom family home which enjoys a delightful rural situation with outlooks over adjoining countryside and pool. Early viewing recommended.

Price Guide £555,000

West Street, Oswestry

Sympathetically improved by the present owners, Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to release this character two bedroom end terraced town house to the market which enjoys a sought after residential locality conveniently placed for local town amenities. The property briefly comprises: Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Rear Porch, First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Courtyard Gardens, Early Viewing Recommended.

Offers in Region of £118,950

Treflach, Nr Oswestry

Bespoke 4 bedroom detached oak framed village residence with a separate 3 bedroom detached cottage which offers the potential for a holiday let or separate long term rental income. Any interested parties should view to appreciate the excellent accommodation on offer. MUST BE SEEN.

Price Guide £650,000

Arddleen, Powys

Tastefully extended 4/5 bedroom character detached country cottage with range of useful outbuildings with further potential subject to necessary consents, backing onto the Montgomery canal. Set in approximately 1/3 acre, convenient for the A483 road link. Viewing fully recommended.

Offers in Region of £329,950

St Martins Road, Gobowen

4 bedroom detached house which enjoys a pleasant edge of village location and well planned accommodation to comprise: Large Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Spacious Living Room, Dining Room, Study, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility, First Floor Gallery Landing, Master Bedroom Ensuite, Three Further Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing, Generous neatly landscaped gardens with delightful views over the village and countryside beyond, Double Garage and Parking. MUST BE SEEN.

Offers Over £300,000

Penybontfawr

3/4 bedroom cottage with an attached 1 bedroom self contained annexe offering an ideal investment opportunity and large detached garage/workshop.The property enjoys a delightful riverside setting, generous neatly landscaped gardens and lends itself to bed and breakfast, holiday or long-term rental. Viewing Fully Recommended.

Offers in the Region of £275,000

Greenhill Bank, Criftins

4 bedroom detached house which enjoys a delightful rural position.The property briefly comprises: Porch, Entrance Hall, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Conservatory, Utility, Ground Floor WC, First Floor Landing, Four Bedrooms, Family Bathroom and Built in Shower Cubicle, Oil Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Driveway providing ample off street parking, Car Port and Gardens to front and rear. VIEWING FULLY RECOMMENDED.

Offers in the Region of £237,000

Y Ddol, Penybontfawr

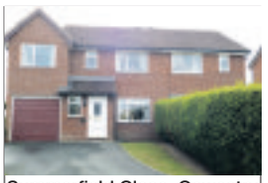
3 bedroom detached bungalow, enjoying a pleasant cul-de-sac location and delightful countryside views to the rear elevation. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room, Utility, Master Bedroom Ensuite, Two Further Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Attached Garage and Large Gardens. Oil Fired Central Heating, Oak PVC Double Glazing, Fascias and Soffits. Viewing Fully Recommended. NO CHAIN.

Offers in Region of £207,000

Longueville Drive, Oswestry

3 bed detached family house to include: fitted kitchen, utility and neatly landscaped gardens. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Cloaks, Lounge with feature fireplace, Dining Room, Attractive Fitted Kitchen, Utility, First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom Ensuite, Two Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing as stated, Double width driveway, Garage and neatly landscaped gardens.

Offers in Region of £175,000



Summerfield Close, Oswestry

A 4 bed semi detached family house which benefits from a spacious Master Bed Ensuite and Conservatory. Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Living Room with feature fireplace, Dining Room, Conservatory, Kitchen, First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom Ensuite, Three Further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom, Gas Fired CH, PVC DG, Driveway, Garage, Gardens. NO CHAIN.

Offers in Region of £167,500

The Cottages, High Fawr Avenue, Oswestry

A two bedroom semi detached cottage style bungalow enjoying a delightful tucked away position within this most sought after residential locality. Briefly comprising: Entrance Hall, Living Room, Attractive Kitchen and Dining Area, Two Bedrooms and Attractive Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing where stated, Driveway providing ample off road parking and Gardens. Early viewing recommended.

Offers in Region of £165,000

Milars Field, Oswestry

A five bedroom executive detached house (Former Show-Home) Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Living Room, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Utility, Master Bedroom with Dressing Area and En-Suite, Guest Bedroom with En-Suite, and three further bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Gas Fired CH, PVC DG, Double width driveway, Double Garage and Gardens.

Offers Over £245,000

Southgate Close, Oswestry

Tastefully improved by the present owners to include re-fitted Kitchen and Conservatory, Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to introduce this most well appointed modern 3 bedroom semi detached house to the market. The property enjoys a pleasant end cul-de-sac location within this popular residential locality and is conveniently placed for local amenities and transport links. MUST SEE PROPERTY.

Offers in Region of £142,500

St Annes Drive, Oswestry

4 bed detached family house which benefits from a delightful open aspect to rear. Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility, First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom En-suite, Three Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing, Double Width Driveway, Integral Garage, Gardens. NO CHAIN.

Offers in Region of £214,950

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NEW - NO CHAIN

The Maltings, West Felton £225,000

- A most spacious Detached Residential Dwelling House set within a popular area within the attractive village of West Felton being approximately 5 miles from Oswestry and 12 miles from Shrewsbury.
- Offering generous accommodation on a well planned layout. Entrance Porch, Wide Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Large Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility/Rear Lobby,
- Four Excellent Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, En-Suite Shower Room. Oil fired central heating, double glazing, double garage. EPC Rating D

Lutton Close, Oswestry £225,000

NEW - NO CHAN

- A most delightful and well presented four bedroomed Mid-Terrace property that was constructed to high standards in 2007
- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, a Large Sitting/Dining Room, a feature Kitchen with integrated appliances and granite working surfaces, Study
- Four Excellent Bedrooms, En-Suite, Shower Room and Family Bathroom
- Quality fitments and fittings throughout and recently decorated through, security system
- Double glazing, Gas C/H, integral garage, parking to fore for several ve-

NEW

Arddleen, Nr Welshpool £354,995

- A most comfortably appointed and spacious Modern Detached Residence only twelve years old, built to very high standards
- Storm Porch, Large Reception Hall, Cloaks, Study. Spacious Lounge, Sitting Rm, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, First Floor Landing
- Master Bedroom & Guest Bedroom (both en-suite), Two Further Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom
- LPG gas central heating, high security double glazing, intruder alarm, double garage & ample parking on a sweeping graveled driveway. EPC Rating D

NEW - NO CHAIN

Croeswylan Cres, Oswestry £169,950

- A well positioned and most comfortably appointed Detached Bungalow set in a most popular area just a short distance from the town centre and having open views over playing fields to the rear.
- Entrance Hall, A sunny Sitting Room/Dining Room, Kitchen with Appliances, Utility, Two Excellent Bedrooms, Family Bathroom.
- Double Glazing, Gas Fired Central Heating, PVC low maintenance barges and soffit's, Lawned garden to the fore and a pleasure garden to the rear. EPC Rating D

NEW

Milars Field, Morda £139,950

- A well positioned and most comfortably appointed Mid-Terrace Residential House, just over five years old and offering generous accommodation on a well planned layout.
- Principally includes: Entrance Hall, Large Sitting Room, Kitchen/Dining Room, Three Excellent Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, En-Suite Shower Room
- Double glazing throughout, Gas central heating, a delightful paved garden and sun patio to the rear, parking for two cars. EPC Rating C

NEW - NO CHAIN

Walford Road, Oswestry £140,000

- A well positioned and comfortably appointed Detached Bungalow situated in an elevated location just off Monkmoor Road and convenient to all facilities within the town
- Entrance Hall, Large Sitting Room, Kitchen, Three Excellent Bedrooms, En-Suite Shower Room, Family Bathroom
- Partial double glazing, an open carport, delightful gardens and grounds surrounding the property. EPC Rating E

Whitfield Close, Oswestry £164,995

- A well presented 4 Bedroom Semi-Detached property situated in an established residential location within the popular market town of Oswestry.
- The property has been extended by the current owners to create spacious living accommodation including: Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Family/Utility Room,
- 4 Bedrooms (Master En-Suite) and Family Bathroom.
- The property also has a good sized garden, Integral Garage, uPVC Double Glazing and Gas fired Central Heating. EPC Rating D

Trefonen Road, Oswestry £275,000

- A most comfortably appointed and well positioned Family Detached Residence being convenient to the town facilities and having outstanding views and across the Maes Y Llan playing fields and the Shropshire Plain beyond
- Wide Entrance Hall, Cloaks, Sitting Room with Bow Window, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Area, Three Excellent Double Bedrooms (one with En-Suite Shower Room), Luxury Bathroom
- D/G, Gas C/H, large terraced and lawned garden to fore with secluded garden with patio area to the rear. Garage and parking. EPC Rating E

March 21

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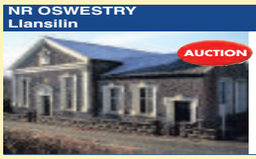

AUCTION

A character property situated in a prime location within the Village of Llansilin. Ideal for conversion to a residential welling with scope for flare and individual design on a spacious layout.

WREXHAM, Johnstown — LOT 2 Guide Price Over £70,000

AUCTION

- Semi-detached Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Double Glazing
- Gardens & Garage

WREXHAM, Coedpoeth — LOT 3 Guide Price £30,000

AUCTION

- Unconverted Chapel
- Heart of village location
- Suitable for various alternative uses (subject to consent).

FLINT, Kelsterton — LOT 4 Guide Price £60,000

AUCTION

- Two Bedroom Cottage
- Two Reception Rooms
- Rear Garden
- Double Glazing
- EPC rating G

LLANGOLLEN, Pontfadog — LOT 5 Guide Price Over £20,000–£30,000

AUCTION

- Chapel situated within the village of Pontfadog.
- Scope for conversion to a number of different uses subject to the necessary planning consent being obtained.

LLANGOLLEN, Nantyr — LOT 6 Guide Price £90,000 to £100,000

AUCTION

- Stone built barn for Conversion
- Full Planning Permission for 3 bedroom property
- Gardens ext to approx 0.24 ac
- Elevated rural position
- Outstanding views over Ceiriog Valley
- Additional Land available by separate negotiation

SHREWSBURY, Ruyton XI Towns — LOT 7 Guide Price Over £100,000

AUCTION

- Spacious Mid-Terrace House
- Entrance Hall/Study
- Sitting Room, Cellerage
- Dining Room, Kitchen,
- 4 Beds, Family Bathroom,
- Large Landing Sitting Room,
- Rear Garden, Parking
- EPC Rating E

LLANGOLLEN, Nantyr — LOT 8 Guide Price Over £100,00

AUCTION

- Accommodation land extending to 18.07 acres
- The land is currently laid to pasture and generally in good heart.
- Road frontage to both blocks.

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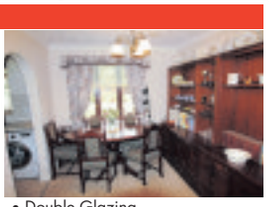
- End Terrace House
- One Bedroom
- Shower Room
- Garden to the Rear
- Off Road Parking
- EPC - G

£65,000

GOBOWEN

NEW



- Two Bed Bungalow
- 24 Hour Support Staff
- Two Bedrooms
- Double Glazing
- Underfloor Heating
- Garage and Parking

£114,950

ST MARTINS

NEW PRICE

- Mid Terrace House
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory & Utility
- Rural Views To The Rear
- Off Road Parking
- Village Location, EPC D

£114,995

WESTON RHYN

NEW

- Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- 90 Foot Rear Garden
- Cul de Sac Location
- Two Reception Rooms
- Upvc D.G., EPC D

£124,950

OSWESTRY

NEW

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- NO CHAIN
- Three Bedrooms
- uPVC Double Glazing
- Oil Central Heating
- Garage, EPC E

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CHIRK

NEW

- Three Bedroom House
- Good Sized Garden
- Two Reception Rooms
- Utility and Cloakroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing

£135,000

OSWESTRY

NEW PRICE

- Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Well Maintained
- Gas Central Heating
- Gardens Front & Rear
- Detached Garage, EPC C

£149,950

OSWESTRY

NEW

- Three Bedroom Detached
- Large Corner Plot
- Double Glazing/ Gas C.H.
- Garage & Conservatory
- Superb Potential
- No Chain, EPC D

£165,000

FOUR CROSSES

NEW PRICE

- Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Ample Parking
- Conservatory & Utility
- Three Reception Rooms
- Ensuite & Bathroom, EPC E

£169,050

CHIRK

NEW

- Modern Detached House
- 4 Bedrooms
- Sought After Location
- Gas C.H./ Upvc D.G.
- Garage and Driveway
- Good Sized Garden, EPC C

£199,950

OSWESTRY

NEW

- Detached Bungalow
- Walking distance to town
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage and Parking
- Sought after location
- Gas C.H., EPC E

£179,950

LLANSANTFFRAID

NEW

- Three Bedrooms
- Oil Central Heating
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Village Location
- Viewing Recommended
- Garage, EPC F

£199,950

DEYTHEUR, NR LLANSANTFFRAID

NEW PRICE

- Detached Rural Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Split Level Accommodation
- Unspoilt Rural Views
- Good Sized Gardens
- Garage & Parking, EPC F

£210,000

OSWESTRY

NEW PRICE

- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage & Conservatory
- Cul de Sac Location
- Gas C.H / Double Glazing
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- Building Plot
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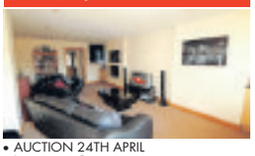
- Plans For 3 Bed Detached
- Off Road Parking
- Auction 24th April 2013
- Great Investment

£29,000

DAWLEY, NR. TELFORD



- AUCTION 24TH APRIL
- Investment Opportunity
- Currently let at £550pcm
- Large Lounge/Dining Room
- New Fitted Kitchen
- Two bedrooms, EPC D

GUIDE PRICE £75,000

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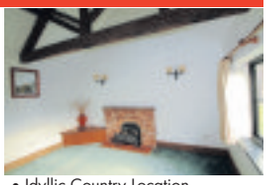

- AUCTION 24TH APRIL
- Barn Conversion
- Beamed Ceilings
- Idyllic Country Location
- Ideal Holiday Let/Home
- Great Investment

GUIDE PRICE £99,000

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£325 PCM

OSWESTRY

- Ground Floor Flat
- One Bedroom
- Close to Town Centre
- Gas Central Heating
- Courtyard to Rear
- No Pets, EPC C

£340 PCM

OSWESTRY

- Mid Terrace House
- Two Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating
- Courtyard To Rear
- Close To Town Centre
- Recently Redecorated

£450 PCM

OSWESTRY

- Available Now
- Two Bedroom
- Close To Town Centre
- No Smokers
- No Pets
- Professional Persons Only

£475 PCM

WESTON RHYN

- Two Bedrooms
- Village Location
- Gas Central Heating
- Off Street Parking
- Rear Garden
- Available March, EPC D

£475 PCM

OSWESTRY

- Ground Floor Apartment
- One Bedroom
- Off Road Parking
- Intergrated Appliances
- Available end of March!
- EPC B

£475 PCM

OSWESTRY

- Mid Terrace Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Upvc Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Off Road Parking To Rear
- Convenient Location, EPC D

£475 PCM

OSWESTRY

- Semi-Detached House
- Two Bedrooms
- Available Immediately
- Well Maintained
- Ample Off Road Parking
- No Pets/DHSS/Smokers

£495 PCM

CHIRK

- Semi-Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Updated Kitchen
- uPVC Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Good Sized Rear Garden

£525 PCM

ST MARTINS

- Available immediately
- Three Bedrooms
- Semi detached house
- Off road parking
- Good sized gardens
- No pets/smokers

£575 PCM

OSWESTRY

- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage and Driveway
- Popular Location
- Two Reception Rooms
- Available March, EPC C

£600 PCM

TREFLACH

- Available End of November
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Well Maintained
- Sought After Location
- Ample Parking & Garage
- No Pets or Smokers, EPC E

£650 PCM

KNOCKIN HEATH

- Available Immediately
- Detached House
- Three Spacious Bedrooms
- Snug/Fourth Bedroom
- Rural Location
- Oil Central Heating

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DUDLESTON HEATH

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- Rural Setting
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- Gas Fired Central Heating
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- Kitchen
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- Walking Distance Of Town Centre
- Scope For Off Road Parking
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Period country property in secluded position with grass paddock, 2 orchards & scheduled Motte-and-Bailey castle

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- 2 Bathrooms
- Outstanding Views
- Adjoining Woodland
- EPC Band G

JJD738

£325,000

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Attractive Victorian Terraced House.

- Partial Gas C/H
- 2 Reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen
- 2 Beds
- Modern bathroom
- Loft/bedroom 3
- Rear yard and garden
- EPC Band E

JJD710

O.N.O. £119,750

OSWESTRY

Well Appointed Three Bedroom Detached House Occupying Attractive Corner Plot In Quiet Area Overlooking The Town

- GFCH UPVC DG
- Large Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Three Beds
- Garage Car Port
- Extensive Parking
- Lawned And Patio Gardens
- EPC Band D

JJD789

£169,950

OSWESTRY

Renovated Three Bedroomed detached bungalow within Walking Distance of the Town

- GFCH/DG
- Reception Hall
- Lounge
- New Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage
- Front and Rear Gardens
- EPC Band E

JJD800

£154,950

GOBOWEN

Detached three bedroomed split level house

- G/F C/H, D/G
- Impressive Lounge
- Dining room
- Breakfast kitchen & utility
- Garage & car parking
- Attractive patio garden
- Elevated position overlooking Village
- EPC Band D

JJD781

£210,000

PANT, NR. OSWESTRY

Attractive Detached Bungalow Overlooking the Shropshire Plain.

- Solid Fuel C/H & D/G
- Lounge
- Conservatory
- 3 Beds
- Useful Loft Room
- Garage
- Extensive Parking
- Attractive Garden
- EPC Band F

JJD714

OFFERS OVER £199,950

LLYNCLYS, NR. OSWESTRY

- UPVC D/G Electric Heating
- Two Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Three Double Beds
- En-Suite Dressing Area
- Car Port and Garage
- Caravan Standing
- Views To Rodney's Pillar
- EPC Band E

JJD725

£250,000

OSWESTRY

Detached three bedroomed family house in sought after residential area

- G/F C/H, D/G
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen & Utility
- Dining Room
- Sitting Room & Lounge
- Dressing Room
- Large Garage
- Attractive Gardens
- EPC Band D

JJD778

£349,950

OSWESTRY - TO LET

- Well Appointed Detached Two Bedroomed Bungalow
- GFCH & D/G
- Lounge
- Modern Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Attractive Lawned Garden
- Garage

JJD066

£475

OSWESTRY - TO LET

- Shop Premises To Let
- Prominent Town Centre Location
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Llanrhaeadr YM

NEW

A charming end of terrace cottage situated within the village of Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant, containing original features requiring some redecoration and maintenance. The property benefits from a small workshop and storage sheds, rear garden and off street parking.

£134,950

Oswestry

NEW

A spacious, detached apartment situated within easy walking distance of Oswestry town centre, comprising a large open plan living area with modern kitchen off, two bedrooms with storage, two bathrooms, secure off street parking and a covered balcony. Energy Efficiency Rating - 'C'.

£140,000

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NO CHAIN

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£255,000

Guilsfield

LAST PLOT REMAINING

An opportunity to purchase one of only three properties in this select development to be constructed by local developer, Wyro Developments Ltd. The property has open views over parkland and the purchaser will have a choice of finishes if reserved early.

£335,000

Dolanog

NO CHAIN

A Grade II Listed detached country farm house set in approximately 1.5 acres with further land (up to approximately 35 acres) available by separate negotiation. The accommodation comprises kitchen, pantry, two reception rooms, bathroom and three bedrooms. Outside the property boasts double garage, brick cow shed and a stone barn. The property is in need of modernisation and provides a rare opportunity.

Energy Efficiency Rating - 'F'.

£270,000

Llansantffraid

A modern four bedroom detached family home benefiting from the balance of the NHBC Guarantee. The property boasts integrated appliances, ensuite shower room to the master bedroom, double garage with additional parking and garden with patio area. Energy Efficiency Rating - 'C'

£205,000

The Carriages

Brand new self contained apartments situated on the edge of Oswestry town centre. The contemporary accommodation comprises open plan living with kitchen, dining & sitting area with two double bedrooms. The apartments boast balconies, off street parking, floor to ceiling glazing and gas central heating.

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A substantial, detached four bedroomed family house in a much sought after residential area of Oswestry within only a few minutes walking distance of open countryside. The property benefits from a single garage with driveway and established front and rear gardens. Energy Efficiency Rating - 'C'.

£229,950

Bailey Street

TO LET

A modern, spacious second floor flat situated in a convenient town centre location.
The accommodation comprises kitchen with pantry off, spacious living room, one double bedroom and bathroom.
Energy Efficiency Rating - 'F'.

£350 pcm

Willow Street

TO LET

A spacious one bedroom first floor apartment in Oswestry town centre, within a superb character property, which has been well maintained and managed. Please note agency fees are covered by the Landlord.
Energy Efficiency Rating - 'D'.

£400 pcm

Glyn Ceiriog

TO LET

A modern apartment situated within the centre of the village, comprising open plan kitchen and living area with double doors to a decked sitting area, two good sized bedrooms, bathroom and two designated parking spaces.
Energy Efficiency Rating - 'D'

£450 pcm

Oswestry

TO LET

One and two bedroom apartments situated within this recently refurbished Grade II Listed building. The apartments provide spacious accommodation on the edge of Oswestry town.
Energy Efficiency Rating 'D-E'.

Prices From £455 pcm

Oswestry

TO LET

A spacious, detached apartment situated within easy walking distance of Oswestry town centre, comprising a large open plan living area with modern kitchen off, two bedrooms with storage, two bathrooms, secure off street parking and a covered balcony.
Energy Efficiency Rating - 'C'.

£520 pcm

The Carriages

TO LET

A brand new two bedroom self contained apartment situated on the edge of Oswestry town centre. The accommodation comprises open plan living with kitchen, dining and sitting areas, two double bedrooms, master with ensuite shower room, bathroom and storage.

£500 pcm

The Carriages

TO LET

A spacious apartment with lift access situated within easy walking distance of the town centre. The accommodation comprises open plan kitchen and living space, ensuite master bedroom, second bedroom, bathroom, long balcony and designated parking.
Energy Efficiency Rating 'B'.

£525 pcm

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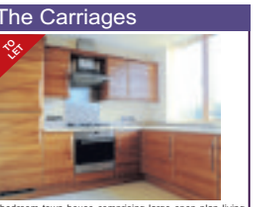

A three bedroom town house comprising large open plan living space including fully fitted kitchen, dining area and spacious sitting area, three double bedrooms, master with ensuite shower room and balcony, main bathroom and covered parking spaces.
Energy Efficiency Rating - 'C'.

£685 pcm

Llansantffraid

TO LET

A spacious four bedroom, two ensuite, Grade II listed village property containing a wealth of exposed beams and timbers. The property provides family accommodation with a good sized enclosed garden and patio and garage and store shed.
Energy Efficiency Rating - 'F'.

£695 pcm

Llandysilio

TO LET

A delightful C16th grade II listed farmhouse, maintaining many of its original Medieval characteristics, comprising breakfast kitchen, three reception rooms, five bedrooms, two bathrooms, double garage, tack rooms and gardens. Additional land is available.
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Knockin Heath, Oswestry

A mature residence requiring general modernisation and upgrading, set in gardens and grounds extending to 3.03 acres, further adjoining paddock extending to 2.15 acres available by separate negotiation. Hall, drawing room, dining room, snug/family room, kitchen/breakfast room, boot room/utility room, downstairs WC, six bedrooms, family bathroom, WC. Adjoining former doctor s surgery with its own external door, giving scope for conversion to ancillary accommodation. Oil CH, garaging, workshops, store rooms. Large gardens to the rear with orchard, large vegetable garden, adjoining small area of woodland to the front. EPC Band: E

Guide Price: £595,000 3061

Llanyblodwel, Oswestry

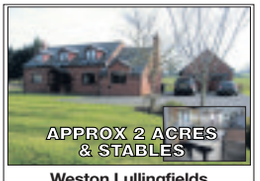
A detached Grade II Listed country property, which has been renovated over recent years retaining the character and features of the original building. Entrance hall with cloaks lobby, sitting room having the original stone fire surround, dining room, living room, kitchen, utility room, galleried landing, master bedroom, guest bathroom, second floor spacious bedroom/games/office area. Outside there is an independent office/library. Gardens to the front and rear, ample parking, garage. EPC Band: G. For further information contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £450,000 2858

Llangedwyn, Oswestry

An attractive and extremely spacious, detached barn conversion, with uPVC DG, electric storage heating, wood burner, double garage, gardens and small paddock amounting in all to over one acre or thereabouts. Entrance hall, main reception hall, living room, dining room, cloaks/WC, large farmhouse style kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, large landing, four good bedrooms, en-suite shower room, family shower room. Occupying a delightful rural position set in the middle of its garden grounds, enjoying superb country views over the surrounding fields and beyond. EPC Band: E

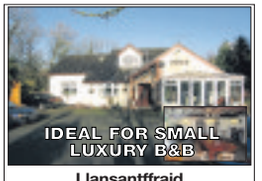
Guide Price: £410,000 2744



Weston Lullingfields

A deceptively spacious detached quality residence, set in large gardens and adjoining paddock extending to approx two acres or thereabouts, with purpose built stable block. Reception hall, through sitting room, dining room, study, large recently re-fitted kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, downstairs cloakroom, a master bedroom suite with dressing room and en-suite shower room, three further bedrooms and luxury family bathroom with spa bath and large walk-in shower. Wood effect PVC DG, oil fired CH, large detached double garage with hobby/activity room over. EPC Band: D

Guide Price: £449,950 3030



Llansantffraid

A detached property which has been totally re-designed and refurbished to make a spacious family home or as a small luxury B&B which is what it is currently being utilised for. Reception hall, feature central hallway, sitting room, conservatory, large dining room, study suite, small gym, kitchen/breakfast room, family room, laundry room, downstairs bedroom with en-suite shower room, mezzanine landing/sitting area, three double bedrooms with en-suite bathroom/shower rooms. PVC DG, propane gas CH, triple carport, easily maintained gardens, ample parking. EPC Band: D

Guide Price: £425,000 2991

Llangedwyn, Oswestry

The Green Inn is situated on the B4396 road which runs between Oswestry and Bala in the Tanat Valley renowned for its natural beauty. The Tanat Valley is on the Wales/England border and the Berwyn mountain range is within easy travelling distance. It is ideally located for local trade and tourist traffic also to the area, and provides licensed accommodation on the ground and first floor, along with private living accommodation. EPC Band: F. Contact Agents on 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £375,000

Penygarreg Lane, Pant

A substantial detached mature bungalow, set in good sized gardens and wooded dingle extending to approx 2.5 acres in total. Feature reception hall, sitting room, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, master bedroom with en suite shower room, two further bedrooms, family bathroom. Large double garage, oil CH, PVC DG to the majority of windows. It occupies a convenient location on the outskirts of the village within walking distance of local amenities. EPC Band: E.
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Guide Price: £365,000 2962

Edgerley, Oswestry

A charming, Grade II Listed detached period cottage with self contained annexe/garage block. Hall, living room, dining room, family/games room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, WC, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom, two further bedrooms, family bathroom. Parking, gardens extending to approx 0.6 acre including greenhouse and polytunnel. Occupying a pleasant rural location in the hamlet of Edgerley, about 12 miles from Shrewsbury and Oswestry. EPC Band: E

Guide Price: £359,950 2717

Crickheath, Oswestry

A charming detached country property with attractive garden and grounds set along the disused Montgomery Canal. Hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen breakfast room, back kitchen/utility, boot room, four double bedrooms, single bedroom/study, family bathroom, unfitted shower room. Three bay barn and store, small grass turnout paddock, garden store, ample parking. Occupying a tranquil position in this rural hamlet. EPC Band: E. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £299,000 2903

Crickheath, Oswestry

A charming detached property, built at the same time as the Montgomery Canal, with spacious well maintained accommodation offering original cottage features. It occupies tranquil location and rural aspect make this an ideal rural retreat. There is a useful garden store, garage and greenhouses, together with a summerhouse, the garden is mainly laid to lawn intersected with mature shrubs and trees. hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, three nedrooms, en-suite shower room, family bathroom. EPC Band: F. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £295,000

Maesbury, Oswestry

A character public house with a friendly family atmosphere and a wealth of character features. Two large lounge bar areas, games room (previously used as a dining area), central bar area, equipped kitchen and associated store rooms, spacious private accommodation. Large outdoor area with ample parking for around 20 cars, paddock which could be utilised as a beer garden or camping area. Fronting onto Maesbury Road, less than a mile off the A483 which is a busy thoroughfare, it is free of tie and provides a rare opportunity to purchase a freehold popular public house with scope to expand the business. EPC Band: E. For further details contact 01691

Guide Price: £247,500

Maesbrook, Oswestry

A spacious, mature property, retaining many of the original features and offering extensive accommodation comprising; entrance porch, large sitting room, dining room, family room/study, kitchen/breakfast room, rear porch, four bedrooms, family bathroom. Set in private and secluded good sized gardens. Extensive parking to the front with further parking area, stone and timber constructed garage to the rear with adjoining workshop. Oil CH, some wood framed DG, with good sized gardens to the rear. EPC Band: F.

Guide Price: £269,500 2667

Pant, Shropshire

A delightfully located detached bungalow, having oil CH, uPVC DG, garage and large gardens enjoying delightful rooftop views to the rear towards Rodneys Pillar. It occupies a very pleasant position on the fringe of the village, which has a wide range of local amenities and is easily accessible to Oswestry, Welshpool and Shrewsbury. Recessed entrance, reception hall, large living room/dining room, very large conservatory, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom. The property also enjoys access via an adjacent bridle path to a nature reserve. EPC Band: E

Guide Price: £185,000 3082

Lilac Grove, Oswestry

A well appointed and hugely extended, end of terrace house, uPVC DG, gas CH, and very large rear garden. It occupies a pleasant and very convenient position within short distance local amenities. The accommodation must be viewed to appreciate the size of this property; hall, large through living room, separate snug/family room, large L-shaped kitchen/dining room, three double bedrooms, en-suite shower room, family bathroom, separate WC. EPC Band: D

Guide Price: £145,000 2941

Roundwood Close, Oswestry

A spacious extended semi-detached property offering affordable four bedroom accommodation, with gas CH wood framed DG, and ample private off street parking. Entrance hall, sitting room/dining room, kitchen, good size utility room, timber and brick constructed conservatory, landing, four bedrooms, family bathroom. It occupies a quiet end of cul-de-sac position with enclosed gardens to the rear with small greenhouse. EPC Band: D

Guide Price: £139,500 2985

Parc Caradog, Trewern

A well-maintained and presented, modern semi-detached property with hall, cloakroom, sitting room, kitchen/diner, three good sized bedrooms, family bathroom with separate shower cubicle. Oil fired CH, wood framed DG, two private car parking spaces situated adjacent to the rear. It property offers an affordable family home and may also be of interest to investment buyers. EPC Band: C

Guide Price: £124,950 3110

Four Crosses, Llanymynech

An end of terrace mature cottage, requiring some modernisation and upgrading, with sitting room, kitchen, downstairs shower room and bedroom. The property has parking for up to four cars with small enclosed gardens to the rear. The property occupies a central position in the village, close to a range of local amenities and conveniently located for travel to Shrewsbury, Oswestry and Welshpool. EPC Band: G

Guide Price: £65,000 2769

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JANE Wright started her working life in pattern making and design, and has always had an interest in garment making.

After bringing up her two children she decided to change career and gained qualifications in childcare, and worked with children and young people, but she never lost her passion for fashion and design.

After helping her own daughter choose a wedding dress Jane became inspired to open a bridal gown business.

"I realised my ambition in September 2012 when I actually opened my own bridal shop, Lady Jane, in Cefn Mawr, between Oswestry and Wrexham," she said.

"My aim is to sell brand new designer and unbranded wedding gowns at a fraction of the normal price. All my dresses are available for buy and take away on the day.

"I currently have over 100 different dresses in stock, with styles to suit every taste and ranges, and from sizes six to 30. Stock is changing constantly. I also sell tiaras, lace boleros and veils.

"I am happy helping brides to find their dream dress," said Jane. "To date I have had positive feedback from all the brides who have visited and purchased their perfect dress at a price well within their budget.

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The perception that village life is fading away in the area couldn't be further from the truth with nearly 100 businesses operating, ranging from retailers, trades and services.

Many have benefitted from the Heritage Lottery Fund initiative (THI). This makes grants that help communities to regenerate the historic parts of their towns and cities.

Homes too have benefitted from the scheme with several properties being completely refurbished under the initiative.

Restoration of key buildings has taken place in the conservation area, in order to restore the historic environment, reverse adverse effects on Cefn Mawr's commercial centre and improve the area's prospects as a place to live, work and visit.

Repair of key buildings, features and shop fronts to encourage and incentivise investment in more than just the basic repairs to properties is also well under way.

The local development trust has found sustainable uses for some of the key vacant properties in the area.

This project involved complete refurbishment of a former furniture showroom to create three residential units while retaining ground floor retail premises including the restoration of the historic shop front.

Conversion of the redundant Ebenezer Chapel and development of a public square in front has created a new focal point for events in the centre of village.

The chapel is now run by the local community through the Dee Valley Community Partnership and the atrium of the chapel provides a new home for the Cefn Mawr and District Heritage Group.

World Heritage Site (WHS) status for the adjacent Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and canal has encouraged a coordinated approach to the management of heritage in the area. The Cefn Mawr area is on the up.

The conversion of the redundant Ebenezer Chapel and development of a public square in front has created a new focal point for community activities and events in the centre of Cefn Mawr.

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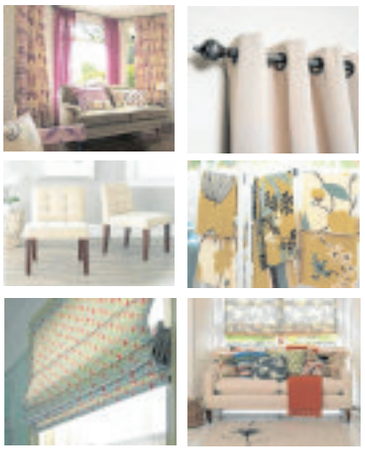

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Student running London Marathon

STUDENT Rose Booth is hoping to raise £1,750 for a good cause when she runs this year's London Marathon.

The 18-year-old, from Moreton Hall School in Weston Rhyn, near Oswestry, is raising funds for The Outward Bound Trust, which teaches outdoor learning.

The A-level student said: "The Outward Bound Trust is not a huge charity but they can make a huge difference.

"They use the mountains, lakes, rivers and sea as their classroom and teach children self-confidence, the ability to take risks and manage decisions, improved communication skills and insights into teamwork."

The marathon takes place on March 21. To make a donation visit **http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/RoseBooth**

New health hotline launch is delayed

THE introduction of a controversial new health hotline for Shropshire has been delayed.

Health chiefs had hoped to hold a 'soft launch' of the new 111 out-of-hours phone system in February.

But they say the plans have been revised and the launch postponed to make sure the system is ready.

Every GP in Oswestry has raised concerns about the new hotline.

Vital grant cash for groups could be axed, mayor warns

A FUNDING system which has proved vital in supporting community groups throughout Oswestry could be under threat in future years, the town mayor has warned.

A total of £112,000 has been handed out to various groups and organisations by Oswestry Local Joint Committee in the last four years, a meeting of the group was told.

But that funding may not be available in the future because of local government cuts, mayor Martin Bennett told the meeting.

He said: "In the last four years this local joint committee has distributed £112,000 of Shropshire Council money to various community groups and organisations within and around the area.

by Graham Breeze

"I hope you feel this public money has been used well and wisely in Oswestry to make a difference.

"Funding is in the budget for next year from Shropshire Council but one thing that is heading our way is a comprehensive spending review.

The mayor said Shropshire Council leader Keith Barrow has warned fellow councillors that the county could have to find further savings of between £60 million and £80 million in future on top of millions of pounds of savings already identified.

He said: "Next year's local joint committee funding is alright but we are not so sure about the years after that."

The meeting heard from various groups the local joint committee had given grants to over the last four years.

Gareth Jones, from one of them, the Oswestry Senior Citizens Club said the local joint committee had been a strong supporter of the organisation.

He said it had received £1,700 towards the £8,000 cost of repairs to its Lorne Street base and funding of £460 towards a display cabinet to show off trophies and awards it had received.

A grant of £1,148 also went to the club to improve its CCTV system to make club members feel safer.

Firm spots a gap in market

AN OSWESTRY pallet firm has moved into the potato business after spotting a gap in the market that could bring big savings to county farmers.

Oswestry-based Shropshire Pallets and Timber Supplies set up a potato box division after noticing that farmers were paying premium prices for boxes shipped in from other parts of the country.

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Traders holding Fairtrade event

From left, Jilly Hartshorn and Gemma Syrett-Judd, from Honeysuckle in Oswestry, surrounded by her Fairtrade produce. *Picture: Peter Flemmich.*

INDEPENDENT traders in Oswestry have come together to celebrate Fairtrade fortnight with a special event.

Fairtrade fortnight started on February 25 and runs until Sunday.

To celebrate the event a number of shops and Reverend Simon Thorburn from St Oswalds Church will be holding a fair for Fairtrade on Saturday.

It will run from 10am until 2pm and will have a number of stalls including The Gates Gifts, Honeysuckle Wholefoods, Rowanthorn and Buttons and Bangles for Africa.

The event is to highlight Fair trade and also help to raise money for an orphanage in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.

There will be African music, Fairtrade food and crafts as well as the stories behind Oswestry's Fairtrade suppliers and how Oswestry businesses and Churches are supporting Fairtrade locally.

For information visit the Oswestry Fairtrade Facebook page, tweet @OsFairtrade or call (01691) 680203.

Colleges team up to boost teaching

TWO colleges in north Shropshire have teamed up to provide a new pioneering course to ensure students with learning difficulties are given the opportunity to reach their full potential.

The Oswestry-based Walford and North Shropshire College already enjoys a long standing close working relationship with the Derwen College in Gobowen.

Together with Staffordshire University the colleges have developed a teaching course and are currently running the pilot.

The course will provide teachers who work with young people with learning difficulties with the knowledge and skills to ensure the students are given the best possible opportunities to learn and succeed.

The course is accredited by the university under the umbrella of Walford and North Shropshire College using the expertise of staff from Derwen College.

The course is aimed at teachers of post-16 learners in colleges, schools, training organisations or in the voluntary sector.

It will help teachers improve their understanding of learning difficulties such as Asperger Syndrome, autism, Down's Syndrome and Attention Deficit Disorder, so that they are better placed to meet the needs of students in the classroom.

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Council in talks over big empty property

A LARGE empty property in the centre of Oswestry could be one of the first buildings brought back into use thanks to an initiative aimed at breathing new life back into the town centre.

Talks have been held with representatives of the owners of a three-storey building above Corals bookmakers in Cross Street.

It is part of an initiative lead by Oswestry Joint Economic Board and backed by Shropshire Council to bring vacant town centre buildings back into use, the Oswestry Local Joint Committee was told on Thursday.

Shropshire Council community action manager Kate Garner said: "We know economic development of the town centre is really important for people who live here and who use the town.

"We have been contacting the owners and tenants of empty units and have been trying to give them different options they can look at.

"We have met the chap who looks after the unit above Corals in Cross Street and have a really good conversation with him about emptying gutters and other improvements."

Mayor Martin Bennett told the meeting officers have used the land registry to find out who owns empty buildings in a bid to encourage them to improve them.

Physiotherapist inspired to try and help others in need

HILARY Harness decided she wanted to be a physiotherapist when she was just 14 years old.

After many years in the health service she has now branched out and runs her own private practice, The Annandale Physiotherapy Clinic in Willow Street, Oswestry.

She lived and was educated in Bath before going to Sheffield City Polytechnic, now Hallam University, to study a Polytechnic Associateship in physiotherapy from 1977-1980.

She said: "When I was 14 I went on a paddle steamer where there was a group of handicapped children on board. I thought to myself 'wouldn't it be wonderful to help someone like that.' So it was a matter of getting my head down and trying to get the proper qualifications to get into the training."

Before heading off to higher education she decided to take a year out and work in the caring profession. She did this to see if she could cope with the physical and mental side of it.

"I did work as a care assistant at a nursing home and worked as a nanny," she said. "And I thought 'yes, I can do this'."

So she went to Sheffield and she studied Anatomy and Physiology – how the body works – and healing processes.

While at the Polytechnic she met her husband who now works at The Orthopaedic Hospital in Gobowen.

After passing the course her first job was at the Yeovil District Hospital as a Rotational Physiotherapist in 1980. A year later she was elected to the position of public relation officer and then from 1984 until 1986 she became the senior physiotherapist in outpatients and hydrotherapy. The post saw her develop an interest in spinal disorders and leg ulcers and so she began lecturing to physiotherapy staff on treatment techniques. In 1984 she set up a leg ulcer clinic.

Bur when her husband was given a promotion in late 1986 she moved to Shropshire. Here she worked at the orthopaedic geriatric unit treating stroke patients until she left for the birth of her daughter.

In 1991 she opened the Annandale Clinic, a private physiotherapy practice in Oswestry. "When my son was two I decided

to open my own clinic," she said. "I always wanted to do it. It took about five years for the business to start to flourish."

"The building where I practiced for 21 years was for sale and I had the opportunity to move premises, so I thought it was the time to do it. By then the children had both left home and university and have their own jobs. I thought if I was going to do it now was the best time.

"I find it a rewarding job," she said. "It is fantastic to be able to make people's lives better."

Hilary likes to help youngsters achieve their ambitions of becoming a physiotherapist by taking them for work experience.

She offers a warning: "Some people think it is a glamorous job. Some do get to work with Manchester United football team but most of us are not doing that.

"It is not glamorous and some patients you deal with are sometimes less hygienic than others.Whatever the job entails it is always worth it to send a patient away smiling."

Hilary Harness, from Oswestry. *Picture: Peter Flemmich.*

Show off your short films on big screen

AMATEUR film-makers will have the chance to show off their work on the big screen at a project based in Oswestry.

Beginners as well as more experienced movie makers are invited to showcase their original short films at the People's Film Collective.

The event has been organised by creative group Eclectic and film-screening company Kinokulture. Its launch night will take place at Ironworks, in Church Street, on May 2.

Ian Garland, Kinokulture's technical director, said: "PFC is an informal get-together where casual and serious film makers can meet, show their latest output, exchange ideas and film-making knowledge.

"For some it will provide a rare opportunity to experience their work on a big screen with a real audience."

PFC is keen to reflect the changing trends of the moving image driven by digital technology and online sharing. Mr Garland said: "The idea is that people simply turn up on the night with their films on memory stick, DVD, spool or tape. We will be able to screen most media including digital movies, Hi-8, Blu-ray, 8mm and 16mm cine film. We can also stream videos direct from YouTube and Vimeo."

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Plea for details on plans for 20 homes

COUNCILLORS have called for more information on plans to build 20 new homes on the site of a notorious flats complex in Oswestry.

The scheme, to demolish the three blocks of three storey flats in Swan Lane is part of an initiative by Shropshire Council to build 62 new homes in the county.

Another eight are expected to be built on the site of council garages in Gatacre Avenue and Sefton Place in the town.

At a meeting at the Guildhall town councillors expressed concern that some of the 26 garages were still being used by tenants.

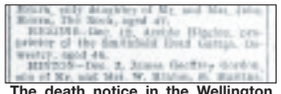
Consultation meetings are likely to be held in the town over the coming weeks to give more information about the scheme.

And Oswestry town council is also to invite officers from Shropshire to outline the plans at a future meeting.

Residents of the 48-home Swan Lane flats have been moved out over the past two years after Shropshire Council admitted that there was a high turnover of tenants and a history of substance misuse associated with the site.

At the development and planning committee chairman Councillor Peter Cherrington said: "We need to know more details about all three of these schemes."

Memories of much-loved man



The death notice in the Wellington Journal & Shrewsbury News for December 16, 1933, of Archie Higgins.

In this final part of the reminiscences of 87-year-old Miss Beryl Higgins of Oswestry, whose father Archie Higgins founded the White Rose Garage in Smithfield Road in the town, she tells of his tragic early death in the 1930s and how the family kept the business going.

This picture has been sent to us by John Powell, of Oswestry. It shows a packed charabanc in Rhyl outside the premises of White Rose Motor Tours.

The charabancs were very popular and they all wanted to go in one that my father drove.

They gave my mother a terrible time because they would come to book – she would deal with that – and the old ladies would get quite cross, all insisting on going with my father, because everybody loved him. He was such a lovely man.

He would do anything to help anybody. Unfortunately he was not a marvellous businessman.

People would come along, sometimes late at night, and say: "Archie, can you have look at my car?"

He would say: "Of course I will."

He would take it up to the place they always took cars to test – the racecourse. He would then come back and would say what was wrong, roll up his sleeves, and put it right. They would say: "How much do I owe you?" and he would say: "Nothing."

That infuriated my grandfather.

We were the proud possessors of the telephone number 'Oswestry 3'.

My father was 42 (interestingly, the death notice in the Wellington Journal gives his age as 46) when he died in 1933. He was converting one of these charabancs into a more modern version and cut himself badly.

His view was: "It's perfectly all right, I'll put a bandage on it." He got blood poisoning.

He didn't go to hospital. He went out and bought a Meccano set for me. I love Meccano. We built a wonderful car or wagon together. He was ill for months, I suppose.

In those days they hadn't got wonderful drugs and things, although we did have a good doctor. My father wouldn't go to the doctor. He died on December 12, 1933. My mother was devastated, so was I, and so were a lot of people. The funeral was huge.

Grandfather took over the business, my mother joined in, and we had three very good mechanics. I don't remember how long it ran, repairing cars and selling cars. Eventually they sold it. Marks & Spencer is on the site now.

● The story of the White Rose Garage and its charabancs has prompted John Powell, of Oswestry, to send us a photo from his collection. "I was interested in the picture and article about White Rose Garage. Attached is a picture of a similar charabanc, although it is not the same one – different wheels," he says.

"The story behind this picture is that my grandmother, Mrs Sarah Ann Powell, was landlady at the Wynnstay Arms Hotel in Llansilin from about 1922, having moved from Birkenhead with her two sons, when she was widowed.

"Among other things, she organised seaside trips to Rhyl and Llandudno for local people, including Oswestrians. This photograph shows the charabanc in Rhyl, outside the White Rose Motor Tours – similar name and maybe associated proprietors.

"A close-up of the speed limit on the side of the vehicle shows 'Speed 12mph'. As it is about 60 miles to the North Wales coast, it would take about five hours to get there and five hours back again. There would be little time to spend by the sea!"

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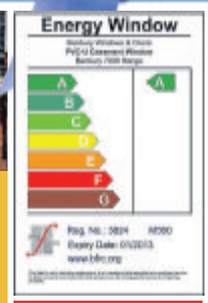

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TV show's Adam in boost for traders

A MARKET trader who almost became Lord Sugar's Apprentice will be coming to Oswestry to help find the entrepreneurs of the future.

Adam Corbally, a semi-finalist in the BBC hit show The Apprentice, will visit Oswestry as part of a celebration to mark the town's indoor market being named the best in Britain.

The celebration day will also include a business start-up event to help find Oswestry's traders of the future as well as the formal presentation of the market of the year prize to the town.

The town council's indoor Powis Market was named as council market of the year at a ceremony last month.

Town clerk David Preston said he had been in talks with Mr Corballly to find out if he would be interested in supporting the Oswestry celebrations, which are likely to take place in April or May.

Mr Preston said: "Adam would be prepared to attend a celebration event but would allocate four or five hours to a visit. This would involve meeting market traders and talking about his experiences and also dealing with local media."

He added: "It is important to celebrate this landmark occasion as widely as possible and draw down as much publicity, recognising the national profile that is attached to the award."

Take a ringside seat to see a bout of March hare madness

APPARENTLY we are entering springtime, although no one seems to have told the Jet Stream. March sees us 'springing forward' with both time and one can only hope, temperatures too.

But spring is of course the busiest and arguably the most exciting time in the wildlife calendar and how better to kick proceedings off with a creature that is literally 'springing forward'.

Madness is usually a negative affliction but if you ever find yourself embodied as a male Brown Hare, there are few things that you do better than going mad.

At least that is how us humans like to look at bouncing, springing and boxing hares at this time of the year. If you were a female Brown Hare, (a doe) you'd think of March not as mad, but maddening.

People lucky enough to have hares grazing on the open fields behind their houses, will notice these strange collections of apparently agitated lagomorphs ('lagomorphs' as opposed to 'rodents') sitting around in small droves seemingly at peace with the world only for one to suddenly run over to another, rise on its hind quarters and start boxing its neighbour.

Rare sight

These bouts are, as I've mentioned before, nothing to do with male supremacy as exhibited by other animals such as rutting stags and the like, but an attempt by the female to dissuade the advances of a male. No means no.

The sight of a graceful brown hare bounding across the fields not only symbolises the British countryside but is also an increasingly rare sight. It is second only to the water vole as the British mammal which has shown the greatest decline during the past century.

But why so? Hares enjoy wide open spaces and if they are to be seen anywhere, then bare agricultural fields seem to be one's best bet of spotting them. However there too lies the answer to the hare's demise.

ON THE WILD SIDE
with Ben Waddams

Hares do not hibernate or store large amounts of fat in their bodies and so need a constant food supply throughout the year. This can only be provided by landscapes rich in biodiversity. The intensification of farming in Britain has reduced this biodiversity, lessening the brown hare's food supply.

The removal of miles of hedgerows has also reduced vital cover. In addition to these changes in the agricultural landscape, an increase in the number of predators such as foxes, has not helped the hare's prospects.

Indeed not only are they a rare sight, but if you are fortunate enough to see one, your sighting may well be a brown blur streaking across the landscape. Hares rely on running fast to put distance between themselves and danger.

Their supple bodies, agility, long tendons and huge back legs all conspire against the hare's enemies and may give them the crown of the fastest land mammal in the UK. Their top speed of almost 40mph may not seem that fast but trust me, it's fast enough to make them rather frustrating to view.

No, if you, like me are interested in seeing our Shropshire Brown Hares, by far the best way of doing so is by stealthily taking your ringside seat at one of their mad, March bouts.

Meet Ben and see his wildlife art at Shrewsbury's Fair in the Square, this Saturday, from 9am-5pm.

Ever watchful hare **– acrylic on board, by Ben Waddams.**

£630,000 tourism hub for canal site

A £630,000 tourism, business and arts centre will soon be opening in a World Heritage Site on the Shropshire border.

The Glyn Wylfa project will see the transformation of former council offices into a tourism hub overlooking the Llangollen Canal. The hub will create seven jobs.

The project has been driven by volunteers from the Glyn Wylfa Development Trust (GWDT) who say they are delighted their seven-year battle to preserve the buildings on Castle Road in Chirk and turn them into a community asset is about to come to a conclusion.

The volunteers are now interviewing to fill seven jobs in time for the centre's opening at Easter.

Trust chairman Mick Ramsey said the progress of the scheme was remarkable considering Wrexham Council bosses had initially planned to sell the land to a developer after the offices closed seven years ago.

Mr Ramsey said: "We basically started with nothing so to see the progress we have made is very pleasing.

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Day 1: Meet our coach this morning as we travel south to the Royal town of Windsor.You'll have a few hours free time to explore the town, have a spot of lunch or perhaps you'd like to visit the Castle and admire the magnificent restoration. Later, we go to our hotel for an overnight stay.
Day 2: After breakfast we leave our hotel and go to Kingston upon Thames and board a river boat for 30 minute cruise to the landing stage at Hampton Court Palace. Now you can enjoy hours of pleasure exploring what is arguably the best flower show, in the grounds of the Palace. We leave for home late afternoon.

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Visiting Stratford-upon-Avon then stay overnight in a beautiful 4 star hotel with dinner and breakfast and the next day visit 3 of the nicest Cotswolds villages.

Look what's included...

Join the coach on **Sunday** morning for a leisurely journey to Stratford-upon-Avon. There's ample time to explore this ancient market town with time for lunch if you wish. Popular attractions include Shakespeare's birthplace in Henley Street and Holy Trinity church where he is buried.
Monday Enjoy a hearty breakfast before we leave the hotel and see 3 of the nicest towns and villages of the Cotswolds. First stop, Bourton-on-the-Water, then on to Stow-on-the-Wold (time for lunch in Stow) and finally, sleepy Broadway, possibly the most picturesque of all. We arrive home early evening.

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Easter fundraising will offer a taste of France

Carol Roberts prepares for the French lunch and cabaret fundraiser being held at Knockin. *Picture: Peter Shah.*

OOH la la, the people of Knockin will be going all French when they combine their Easter celebrations with fundraising for local good causes.

by Sue Austin

The Knockin Village Hall project, 'Bringing the Community Together' has organised a French Easter lunch and cabaret on March 24. The event, which includes a four-course lunch, will be held in the village hall between 2pm and 6pm.

One of the organisers, Charles Roberts, said the afternoon would include a lunch with a French theme before an afternoon of entertainment with Parisienne-style cabaret and singers performing songs from the shows as well as a group of show girls, Dance Troupe de la Seine.

Other music will be provided by accordionist Walt Petrie and violinist Piere Jordan.

Tickets are £9.99 and are available from Knockin Shop on (01691) 682217, from Mr Roberts on (01691) 682523 or Beryl Howell on (01691) 682693.

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Time to be shaken by this musical cocktail

GIG GUIDE with Edward Roberts

ENTER the weird and wonderful world of Dark Patrick tomorrow (Friday), as they bring their unique sound to the Ironworks, Oswestry.

Composed of Ukrainian Eva Purpurovska and Englishman Paul Chilton, the duo recently had one of their tracks aired on Radio 6.

The band's music defies genre, combining influences such as folk, electro, trip hop and psychedelia to make for a 'mesmerising musical cocktail'.

Their unique sound is achieved through the use of all sorts of unusual instruments including whistles, harmonicas, hurdy-gurdy, synthesizers, bandura, and uilleann pipes.

Support comes from Oswestry's very own Neil Phillips, who is known for his own experimental music.

The gig starts at 8pm with tickets costing £5 or £7 on the door.

If you looking for something a little different, the Attfield Theatre is running a production of Ira Levin's classic thriller Deathtrap.

Riddled with plot twists and following the play within a play formula, it tells the tale of Sydney Bruhl, an accomplished writer, who following a series of box office flops decides to murder a young writer and steal his script.

Dark Patrick will be performing in Oswestry.

Running until Saturday, the show begins at 7.45pm. Tickets cost £6 from the Box Office at the Guildhall, Oswestry. Call 01691 680 222.

Chris Dumville will be playing a variety of blues, folk and soul with the aid of his acoustic guitar and harmonica at the Lowefield Inn, Marton, on Friday night. It's free entry and the gig starts at 8pm.

The Oak in Welshpool will have performances from Jonny Keeley, Alex Davies and Ellen Cox on Friday night.

Thought of as some of Mid Wales and Shropshire's finest solo performers, it's sure to be well worth a look.

It starts at 9pm and carries on until midnight, with entry being free.

The following evening, the Oak will be holding a 1960s themed Murder Mystery Evening. Tickets cost £27.50; included in the price is a three-course meal and coffee. Doors open at 7pm.

The Oswestry Sinfonia presents its first concert of 2013 on Saturday at Holy Trinity Church, Roft Street, Oswestry.

The evening will begin with a rendition of Schubert's Overture in the Italian Style in C major. This will be followed by Vivaldi's Guitar Concerto in D major, which will be performed by guest soloist Jonathan Richards.

Tickets are £8, and under 16s are free from the Heritage Centre, members of the orchestra and on the door, or from www.oswestrysinfonia.co.uk

REM tribute band REM UK plays the Ironworks at 9pm tomorrow with tickets costing £7.

As part of the Oswestry Literary Festival, the Bookshop Band will be performing at the Marches School, Oswestry, on Monday.

The performance starts at 7pm with tickets costing £5.

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Two walk dates for rambling group

RAMBLERS will take part in two walks along routes on the Shropshire/Mid Wales border over the next few days.

The Oswestry branch of Ramblers Association will be going on a four-mile leisurely walk in the area surrounding Rednal Aerodrome, near Oswestry, today (Thursday). People wanting to take part are asked to meet at Lloyd Street car park for a 10am departure, and for more information call (01691) 655212.

On Sunday there will be a seven-mile leisurely walk incorporating Whittington, the canal and Berghill Cottages. People wanting to take part should meet at central car park for a 10am departure. For more information call (01691) 654066.

On February 28 a party of 20 walkers left Craignant Quarry picnic site parking area for a walk of just over four-and-a-half miles.

Ramblers walked uphill along Offa's Dyke before turning off towards Crown House and via a lane into Selattyn where they stopped for a picnic lunch. They then followed the valley below Selattyn back.

On March 3 about 18 ramblers travelled to Forden, near Welshpool, using sections of Offa's Dyke on the walk via lanes and forest path to Beacon Ring Hill Fort.

Welshpool livestock market

Monday, March 4

OTMS (43)

A slightly reduced entry of 43 Over thirty Month Cattle sold to an overall average of 148.3ppkg. 26 older cows sold to average 140ppkg, Cows aged 48 months to 72 months averaged 147ppkg, older Bulls averaged 160ppkg, Steers and heifers under 48 months sold to average 197ppkg and 170ppkg respectively. J A Wood & Sons Kinnerton Farm sold a Limousin cow weighing 823kg to a top price of £1464.94.

Another older Limousin cow from the same home achieved £1074.02.

Also from JA Wood & Sons was a cow between 48months and 72 months which sold for £1287.00. H & S Watkins Cammen Uchaf sold a Limousin cow for £1287.00. A Charolais bull weighing 1078kg from RA & TG Evans Cae Cyno sold for £1617.00. J A Wood & Sons Kinnerton Farm receive the Briarwood Products Ltd prize of £25 for the highest price older cow sold on the day. If you require any further information regarding this section please contact the market on 01938 553438 or the Auctioneer Glandon Lewis on 07774 224999.

FAT CATTLE (12)

An entry of 12 fat cattle sold to average today at 205ppkg for the steers and 211ppkg for the heifers. Three Limousin heifers from DW & L Jones Arbennig sold for 230ppkg, 210ppkg and 207ppkg. E K Rowlands Lower Glandulais sold a Limousin heifer for 230ppkg a charolais heifer for 207ppkg and a British Blue heifer at 213ppkg. Four Limousin heifers from EE & MJ Jones & Sons Cwmbychan sold for 225ppkg, 205ppkg, 204ppkg and 196ppkg. DW & L Jones Arbennig and E K Rowlands Lower Glandulais receive the Briarwood Products Ltd prize of £25 for the highest price per kilo animal sold on the day. Weekly sale of Fat cattle every Monday will commence at approximately 12.30pm. More Fat Cattle urgently required to meet a very strong demand from potential purchasers. If you have require any advise or wish to sell fat cattle at the market please contact the auctioneer Mr Glandon Lewis on 07774 224999 or the market office on 01938 553438.

PRIME HOGGETS (4389)

An entry of 4389 Prime Hoggets, sold to an overall average of 182ppkg.

Super Lights (17.5kg to 25.4kg) (46) to 132ppkg from C Davies Cwmarirog. Average of 124ppkg.

Lights (25.5kg to 32kg) (241) to 161ppkg from R P Morgan & Son The Farm. Others to 156ppkg from J A Jones Fferm Pwll Iwrch. Average of 142ppkg.

Standards (32.1kg to 39kg) (1208) to 205ppkg from CL & C Watkins Bank Farm. Others to 201ppkg from H G Rees Hiriaeth. Average of 166ppkg.

Mediums (39.5kg to 45.5kg) (1928) to 223ppkg from J C Evans & Co Belannewydd. Others to 216ppkg from CJ & LM Davies Lawns Farm. Average of 192ppkg.

Heavies (45.1kg to 52kg) (622) to 195ppkg from Probert & Probert Lower Hill. Others to 191ppkg from CJ & LM Davies Lawns Farm. Average of 178ppkg.

Over Weights (Over 52kg) (223) to 183ppkg from R Richards & Co Maenllengen. Others to 174ppkg from DE & KB Owen & Son Rhallt Isaf. Average of 150ppkg.

CULL EWE (1736)

An entry of 1736 cull sheep on offer for sale today, sold to average £41.84 for the ewes and £55.31 for the rams. Top price of the day for the ewes was £136 per head from C E Pryce Yr Helyg. Top price for the cull rams was £100 per head from W D Jones & Son Upper Scafell. Weekly sale of cull sheep to immediately follow the sale of fat lambs at approximately 12noon.

STORE LAMBS

An entry of 400 store lambs averaging £40. Theave lambs achieving a top price of £49 from Parry & Evans Oaklands. Mixed and clean lambs achieving a top price of £61 from RG & KA Lewis Hockleton. Wether lambs achieving a top price of £65 from L S Philpott & Son. Tup lambs achieved a top price of £65 from E O Evans Cefn y Braich. Mixed and Tup lambs achieved a top price of £48 from D Rowlands Pentre celyn. A large entry of Cade Lambs achieving a top price of £24 from L E Brymer Griffiths & Co.

An entry of 40 ewes and lambs. Suffolk yearling ewes with twin lambs at foot achieved £122 from E P Ratcliffe Broom House Farm. Texelx as found ewes with single lambs at foot achieved £124 from J B C Gwillim Bwlch Garth.

In Lamb Ewes expected next week sale to commence after the store lambs at 10.30am.

COWS & CALVES

A seasonal entry of 10 cows and calves met with a solid trade once again. Leading the way at £2480 was a British Bluex 1st calver with a limousin bull calf born January 2013 presented by E & PA & GC Morris Bedren Cymdu. Another British Bluex 1st calver with a heifer calf made £1900 presented by AS & EM Goolden & Son Cil Bach Meifod. A Limousinx 2nd calver with a bull calf made £2240 from SM & CM Ashley Upper Cothercott Pulverbatch. Two Simmentalx cows with Simmental calves at foot from the same home made £1700 and £1600. A Breakdown of the prices achieved where as follows: £2000+ 2 lots, £1800 - £2000 1 lot, £1600 - £1800 2 lots, £1400 - £1600 2 lots, £1200 - £1400 1 lot, less than £1200 2lots. Next sale of Cows and Calves will place on Monday 18th March 2013.

FORTHCOMING SALES:

Monday 11th March, Sale of Dairy Cows.

Monday 12th March, Sale of Organic, Weanlings & Store Cattle.

Monday 18th March, Sale of Cows and Calves.

Monday 25th March, Sale of Dairy Cows.

Tuesday 26th March, March Store Cattle Fair.

Monday 1st April, Sale of Cows and Calves & April, Easter Spring Lambs Show and Sale.

Monday 8th April, Sale of Dairy Cows.

Tuesday 9th April, Sale of Organic, Weanlings & Store Cattle.

Monday 15th April, Sale of Cows and Calves.

Thursday 18th April, Sale of Pedigree Charolais Cattle.

Monday 22nd April, Sale of Dairy Cattle.

Monday 29th April, Sale of Cows and Calves.

Tuesday 30th April, April Store Cattle Fair.

Tuesday, February 26

Messrs Morris Marshall & Poole and Norman Lloyd & Co report on the Store Cattle Auction.

With the dryer weather and some farmers lambing, there where less faces around the ring than in January, nevertheless the bullocks and heifers averaged 4p per kilo less than the previous month. Generally there was less strength about with the cattle being younger on the whole. However quality was still well sought after. Steers (518) sold to average 223ppkg £998.78 per head and heifers (412) sold to average 205ppkg £878.74 per head. Leading prices being as follows:

Steers (£ per head):

Charolaisx (x2) 585kg £1490 from R E Evans & Son Dinnant

Limousinx (x4) 588kg £1470 from JL & JER Davies Ffinant

Charolaisx (x1) 595kg £1460 from R E Evans & Son Dinnant

Charolaisx (x1) 615kg £1460 from DM & DI Jerman Moelywigoedd

Limousinx (x2) 660kg £1455 from JL & JER Davies Ffinant

Limousinx (x3) 586kg £1440 from JL & JER Davies Ffinant

Heifers (£ per head):

British Bluex (x1) Organic 580kg £1360 from D Langford Gaer Farm

British Bluex (x1) Organic 595kg £1280 from D Langford Gaer Farm

Charolaisx (x1) 535kg £1260 from T H Williams & Sons Pentre Farm

Charolaisx (x1) 575kg £1240 from Tynybryn Farms

Limousinx (x2) 525kg £1215 from EN & EJ Bound Cefnbeidiog

Limousinx (x1) 615kg £1215 from S Richards & Son Gwern y Pwll

Steers (Per Kilo):

Charolaisx (x8) 390kg 277ppkg from T E Williams & Sons Red House

British Bluex (x1) 397kg 275ppkg from R I Owen & Co Cwmffynnon

Limousinx (x1) 360kg 275ppkg from G P Vaughan & Son Dolcorsllwyn

Charolaisx (x1) 515kg 269ppkg from R E Evans & Son Dinnant

Limousinx (x2) Organic 435kg 269ppkg from C J Thomas Beili Ddol

Limousinx (x1) 410kg 268ppkg from IE & M Gittins Sons Lower Ucheldre

Heifers (Per Kilo):

Limousinx (x4) Organic 378kg 261.9ppkg from C J Thomas Beili Ddol

British Bluex (x2) 232kg 256ppkg from RP & DM Jenkins Upper Llivior

British Bluex (x1) Organic 410kg 2552ppkg from D Langford Gaer Farm

British Bluex (x2) Organic 467kg 246ppkg from D Langford Gaer Farm

British Bluex (x1) 435kg 243ppkg from T & B Williams Cilmawr

British Bluex (x1) 470kg 240ppkg from T & B Williams Cilmawr

Entries invited for the next Sale of Store Cattle on Tuesday 12th & 26th March and 9th & 30th April 2013.

Composer lined up for spot at eisteddfod

THE MAN behind one of the musical centrepieces of the opening ceremony at the London Olympics will be involved in the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod.

Welsh composer Gareth Glyn joined Oscar-winning film director Danny Boyle to provide one of the musical arrangements – Elgar's Nimrod – for the spectacular ceremony at the games in August.

It was announced today one of his compositions will be the highlight of International Children's Day on the first day of the Eisteddfod, which runs from July 9th to the 14th.

His piece at the Eisteddfod will be his SPM 1 composition, a young person's guide to the orchestra for the 21st century.

Mr Glyn, aged 61, began his links with the Llangollen festival as a competitor.

"I was there with a choir some years ago. We didn't win but people always say that taking part is what's important and that's really the case at Llangollen."

He returns on July 9, when BBC National Orchestra of Wales will give two performances of his SPM-1 – Spaceship Powered by Music – for the Eisteddfod's opening day.

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A true off-roader where pedigree shines through

Drive time with Graham Breeze

TOYOTA will later this month unveil a new Land Cruiser with the promise of more comfort, luxury and better off-road performance.

Those are big promises when you consider just how good the current model is.

I'd waited a long time to get behind the wheel of this giant from Toyota and picked a great week of heavy snow followed by the floods which blocked the roads of Shropshire and Mid Wales to most vehicles – not the Land Cruiser.

This monster was meant to tackle the worst off-road conditions and all that the elements can throw its way.

Refinement

Some rivals claim to match executive saloons for refinement, but the Land Cruiser never hides its origins and needs revving hard to get what you want. But once you reach cruising speed its smooth enough.

In the cabin the Toyota lacks the refinements of some rivals but this is a no-nonsense vehicle, built to withstand the most severe conditions.

Seating is comfortable and the high position means you see lots of things that you can't from most vehicles. The controls are straightforward and everything is positioned just where you would expect it to be, meaning the driver is soon at home.

The new Toyota Land Cruiser tackles the most severe conditions

A high seating position provides excellent vision for the driver

There are the seven airbags to keep you safe, including one for the driver's knees, active front head restraints and stability control system. Deadlocks, an alarm and 'glass break sensors' mean that potential thieves will find entry a problem too.

The three-litre diesel on test came with automatic gearbox with driver selectable centre diff lock, multi-terrain select and four driver selected modes to tailor vehicle setting for different off-road surfaces.

Toyota claim their external camera system, giving real time views of area, front, side and back is a world first and it really is a driver's dream accessory.

The model on test also had hill start assist control and had an option of five crawl speeds with traction control and ABS as standard.

The Land Cruiser was no slouch either with 0-62mph achieved in 11 seconds, a top speed of 109mph and combined fuel consumption figures of 34.9mpg.

Sitting on 18in wheels it as a towing capacity of 3,000kg and a massive boot of 104 litres which increases to 1,934 litres with the seats folded.

The LC5 is by no means cheap though and with metallic paint costing an extra £700 hits the road at £53,595 which includes an electric sunroof and a rear seat entertainment system to keep the kids happy on those long journeys.

The Land Cruiser is not cheap to run either with CO2 emissions of 213g/km and falls into insurance group 38E, which means you are going to need deep pockets to keep it on the road.

It took me so long to get to meet the Land Cruiser, now I can't wait for the new model to hit the road.

Inside the new Land Cruiser

Bumper to bumper

Toyota Land Cruiser
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Motoring

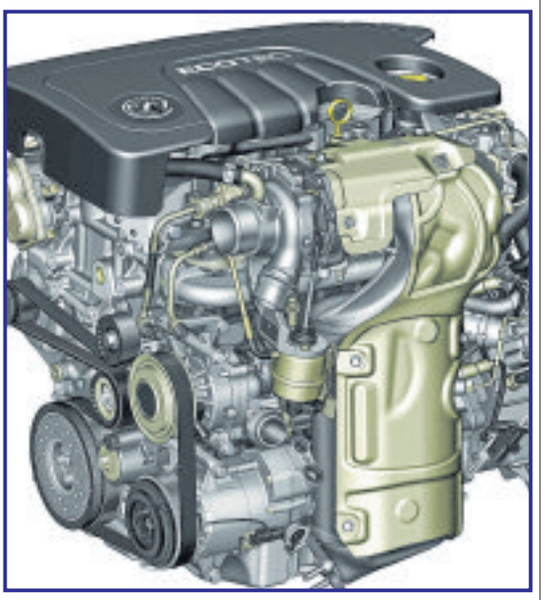
Powertrain portfolio is at full throttle . . .

Renewal of Vauxhall's powertrain portfolio is at full throttle, says an award-winning dealership.

Nigel Williams, managing director of Arthurs of Oswestry and Newtown, said Vauxhall's new family of state-of-the-art, four-cylinder, 1.6-litre diesel engines will set benchmarks for refinement, performance and environmental compatibility.

The 1.6-litre CDTI ECOTEC diesels will replace existing 1.7-litre engines and certain lower powered versions of the 2.0-litre range.

He said the new 1.6 CDTI ECOTEC was the first diesel from Vauxhall to comply with future Euro 6 emissions requirements. The engine will be available in a variety of power outputs across several car lines, said Nigel.



Vauxhall's new 1.6-litre CDTI ECOTEC engine

Targets

Class leading NVH (Noise, Vibration and Harshness), high power/torque density and low fuel consumption were the main development targets. Initially, maximum power and torque have been increased to 136PS and 320Nm respectively, while fuel consumption has been reduced by up to 10 per cent.

He said that by the end of next year Vauxhall will have launched three all-new generations of petrol and diesel engines as part of its roll-out of 23 new models and13 new powertrains by 2016.

The new 1.6-litre diesel and its innovative engine control unit, said Nigel, had been developed in-house by a global team of engineers. Beginning in the spring, the 1.6 CDTI ECOTEC will be manufactured at the same 'flex plant' in Szentgotthard, Hungary, as the new 1.6-litre petrol engine.

A Toyota Racing Development version of the much admired GT86 will prove popular with fans

Japanese marque confirms plans for a 'special' GT86

An official Toyota Racing Development (TRD) version of the much-admired GT86 sports coupe has been confirmed by the Japanese firm.

Just 250 examples of the striking new UK-specific model will be built, focusing on styling improvements to create a limited-run halo model.

Among the upgrades are new 18in alloy wheels, deeper front and side skirts, a rear bumper spoiler and a rear diffuser flanked by a quad-exit 'fast-response' exhaust system.

TRD-branded details complete the package.

According to Toyota, "the focus is on sports styling, but not at the cost of the GT86's essential performance and handling character."

Although Toyota claims no performance change, the GT86 TRD records slightly worse fuel economy than the standard car. Combined fuel economy is down from 36.2mpg to 34.9mpg, with emissions up from 181g/km to 192g/km.

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Motoring

New touring machine that has hallmark of a winner

By Bob Hickman

Over more years than I care to remember I have been an owner of various Honda motorcycles – my motorcycling adventure started with a diminutive Honda 90.

I then progressed through various derivatives, bigger in size, up to my present Honda the ubiquitous 1100cc Pan European, a motorcycle that for me does everything that I could ever wish for.

I recently had the opportunity to try out the latest 2013 Honda VFR 1200S for a short period of time in dismal, wet conditions. Not conditions conducive to enjoy motorcycling, but the VFR 1200S is badged as a touring sports machine, so should be suitable to ride in any of the conditions. And with its fairing and screen, it gives you a degree of protection from the elements.

The VFR range has been refined over the years and Honda without doubt has set the benchmark with this V4-configured engine which sees it in various capacity sizes. The latest, at 1237cc, really is the ultimate in design. It has a huge power output, variously claimed between 160 and 170bhp. The 0-60 time puts exotic sports cars to shame.

The VFR 1200 is no shrinking violet; it is a reasonably heavy motorcycle so it does need a powerful engine to move it along.

Honda has given it a fuel tank with a capacity of 19 litres which isn't really on the huge side when you consider that this is being promoted as a touring bike. With a claimed 41.8mpg fuel consumption it does not have a big range. My fuel consumption was only about 30mpg. It is quite possible that the range from full to panic for a petrol station could be as low as 100 to 120 miles per tank and this gets a minus mark from me.

The Honda FR 1200S is a touring sports machine with stylish lines and a huge power output. The on-the-road price is £12,325

The initial riding dynamics were to me a little bit of a culture shock. I am used to the sit-up-and-beg comfortable style of the Pan European, but one of my first surprises was the height of the seat, at 815mm it is not a bike for those short in the inside leg. I also felt that my weight was falling too much on my hands. However a friend of mine suggested that my riding position needed to be tweaked and a far more comfortable position was held.

I would have liked a higher screen on the bike, as I found a degree of buffeting which was associated with the lowish screen, but it did its job and took away the rain and the nasty elements.

The gearbox is six-speed, and once you are on the move the clutch could almost be ignored, clutchless changes both up and down the box were done without any degree of cruelty or lack of machine sympathy.

Once on the roll the fly-by-wire fuel injection system is almost linear like.similar to switching a motor on and off, the power is awesome and you have to keep a watch on the speedo to ensure you do not reach excessive speeds. Even in built up areas in second gear it is so easy to get caught out.

I am not one of those testers who insist on riding round and round islands to see if I can possibly get my ancient knees on the ground. For me I want a motorcycle that is stable, that handles well, that brakes delightfully and the Honda achieved this. It had a linked brake system allied to a traction control ABS system, and in the wet, greasy conditions encountered I had a feeling of total security.

The bike is a heavy machine and you really do need to show it who is boss, but at all times it felt secure and steady. The Bridgestone tyres proved well up to the job.

I found the V4 engine to be rougher than I am used to, I am told by other testers that this is an idiosyncrasy of this particular motorcycle and with a mere 2,000 on the clock will get smoother as the mileage increases. The power output itself was very smooth, but I could feel a grumbling sensation through the engine, although I am informed this is quite normal.

I was a bit confused as to why I kept sounding the horn when trying to indicate until I realised that Honda have actually moved the horn and indicator switches.

I didn't have the opportunity to take a pillion on the back to make a comment concerning the change in handling but I would have liked to have seen a little bit more padding on the rear seat..

The finish on Hondas has always been first class and receives five stars from me, the VFR 1200 keeps up those standards. You look at the depth of paint on the fairing and the quality of the alloy castings and fully appreciate that this is a Honda and quality is always paramount.

One area that I was extremely disappointed with but it appears to be accepted, is that a motorcycle of this size, 267kg and there is no centre stand fitted. How do you do any maintenance or any decent cleaning or remove a wheel? I suppose you have to buy a paddock.

Honda will continue to win friends with the new VFR but the competition is quite tough, you only have to look at the options from BMW with their brilliant K-Series 1300s, the Kawasaki ZZR and the Yamaha FJR to realise that the marketplace is hard but Honda have the badge, the kudos and the pedigree.

The VFR 1200 is not cheap, the price on the road is £12,325, once again a surprise to me, and shows just out of touch I have become with modern motorcycles.

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Spar Mid Wales League

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Llanidloes	18	14	2	80	22	44
Builth Wells	21	13	4	51	32	43
Four Crosses	18	11	4	44	27	36
Berriew	21	10	6	48	27	35
Waterloo	18	11	5	44	33	35
Aberaeron	20	10	8	35	26	32
Montgomery	15	9	2	41	16	31
Tywyn/Bryncrug	17	10	6	48	30	31
Aber Uni	18	9	8	44	34	28
Llansantffraid	19	7	9	49	43	24
Bow Street	16	5	4	43	39	22
Carno	18	7	10	32	34	22
Newbridge	18	6	9	34	48	21
Welshpool	24	6	17	36	73	19
Dyffryn Banw	21	3	18	25	87	9
Dolgellau	22	1	20	16	99	4

Welshpool Dominones

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A
Social Club A	22	17	5	104	50
Pinewood C	21	16	5	96	51
Celts	21	13	8	89	58
Waterloo	22	12	10	79	75
Compasses	21	12	9	79	68
Pinewood A	21	12	9	77	70
Sun Inn	21	10	11	74	73
G/Dragon Butt B	21	9	12	69	78
Cock P/A	21	9	12	68	79
Bowling Club	22	8	14	60	94
Pinewood Dragons	21	7	14	59	88
G/Dragon Butt A	21	6	15	56	91
Powis Arms P/Q	21	7	14	56	91

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	F	A
Railway	22	18	4	106	48
Cock A	23	16	7	105	56
Westwood	23	13	10	87	74
Talbot	23	12	11	85	76
Westwood Wand	23	12	11	85	76
RAF Boys	23	11	12	82	79
Angel	23	12	11	80	81
Horseshoe	23	12	11	79	80
Grapes	23	13	10	78	83
Kings Head	23	11	12	76	85
Muriels Bunch	23	10	13	74	85
The Real Railways	23	10	13	73	88
Breidden	22	9	13	71	83
Wellington	23	2	21	38	123

Stonehouse Brewery Oswestry & District Dominoes League

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Top White Lion	21	11	4	77	49	28
White Lion	20	10	3	76	44	27
Black Lion B	20	11	4	69	51	27
Black Lion A	21	12	6	73	53	27
Cross Keys	20	8	3	68	52	25
Bell Oswestry	20	8	4	67	53	24
Station	20	6	4	65	55	22
Horseshoe	21	9	8	64	62	22
Plas Yn Dinas	20	7	7	60	60	20
Penybont Inn	20	5	7	58	62	18
Railway Inn	21	5	9	56	70	17
Black Horse	21	4	10	50	76	15
Royal Hill	20	1	16	30	90	5

Welshpool go on try rampage

WELSHPOOL returned to winning ways with a 91-0 home hammering of lowly Benllech, but, lying fifth, they are still well short of the promotion places.

It proved a good day for the Maesydre side in the sunshine, with a sizeable crowd following the pre-match sponsors lunch being treated to some lively running play, highlighted by the inclusion of half a dozen youngsters who were called into action.

Pool dominated right from the off in a game that saw uncontested scrums, running in a total of 15 tries and eight conversions to pick up a bonus point in style.

They led 27-0 at half time with two touchdowns from Ryan Goodwin, one from Phil Saunders who also kicked a conversion, and a brace from Chay Bowles.

After the break, the flood-gates opened with Matt Roberts crossing four times, Tom Williams twice while there were also touchdowns from Dave Jones, Joe Stranks, Richmond Amiehe and Martin Gould. Saunders chipped in with seven more conversions.

After going points crazy last week, Welshpool face a sterner test when they visit promotion chasing Wrexham tomorrow night (Friday).

Meanwhile Newtown kept alive their promotion push in the Welsh League division three (north) with a hard fought 15-6 win at one of their close rivals Menai Bridge.

Two first half tries from winger Junior Dean and fullback Matthew Jones set up the Mid Wales men, with Rowan Swanson kicking a conversion before adding a second half penalty.

Victory kept Newtown in third, in touching distance of the leaders.

Welshpool's Martin Gould prepares to hand off a Benllech opponent in to 91-0 win

Ladies hit seven in simple victory

OSWESTRY continued their unbeaten streak as they faced Bollington at home, winning 7-0, *writes Edward Roberts.*

Going into the game second placed Bollington were only able to field a team of nine and with the advantage in numbers Oswestry putting together some strong, flowing passages of play.

The tempo was high and Oswestry faced little resistance from Bollington whose attacks came few and far between.

This allowed the Oswestry defence to press forward and influence the attacking play. A strong midfield ensured that Oswestry broke down any attacks mounted by Bollington, but left keeper Liz Killen with little to do.

Performance

Bollington were effectively shut down in their own half thanks to some concentrated play from Oswestry.

They did however manage to strengthen their defence in the second half conceding only one goal to Oswestry

Oswestry looked very sharp with lots of good play from the whole team, captain Lisa Bladen put in a stand-out performance scoring a hatrick.

Goals also came from Sandra Jones, who scored two and Tracey Royle and Deb Jones both scored one each.

These goals were a team effort and a reflection of the performance put in by all the Oswestry players. Next week Oswestry will be playing bottom placed Winnington Park Ladies in away match.

Harriers athletes impress indoors

MALDWYN Harriers athletes hit the medal trail in the Indoor Welsh Athletics Indoor Championships in Cardiff.

Hannah Owen struck silver in the under-20 women's triple jump with a leap of 10.63 metres, while team mate Lauren Williams came third in the under-15 girls 60m in 9.65 seconds.

The Harriers women also impressed with some fine individual performances in the popular Wrexham Village Bakery Half Marathon event.

Newcomer Rachel Butler (WV50) was first Harrier home in 1:49:30, followed by Michelle Beeson (1:57:20), Jenny Evans (1:58:59), Janice Thomas (2:01:57) and Jacqui Lloyd (2:06:38), each of whom set personal bests.

In fact, Michelle and Jacqui's performances were good enough to win them the North Wales Championship in their age category (LV40 and LV60 respectively).

In the Welsh Schools Cross-Country Championships in Brecon, Gwynant Jones (20:16) was fifth in the men's under-20 race while there was drama among the under-15 boys as Joseph Crutchley (13:49) finished just one second outside of the medals.

Margo Martin came in 22nd in the under-17 girls' event while Megan Randell was 36th in the under-15 equivalent.

Meanwhile, Chris Atherton (43:20) finished in a commendable 17th place in the Moel y Ci fell race, Tregarth, Bangor, from 131 finishers over this 5m/8km course featuring a climb just short of 1,000 ft.

Emphatic

Maldwyn youngsters had a field day in the North Wales regional cross country championships at Corwen.

Alex Cawthra (U17 girls) and Joseph Crutchley (U13 boys) each led their respective races from gun to tape to record emphatic victories, finding able support in Isla Meredith (fifth in the U17 girls) and Kaya Saul (11th in the U13 boys).

Chloe Evans and Meg Randell both ran brilliantly to finish second and fifth in the under-15 girls' race.

Gwynant Jones also bagged a second spot finishing behind in-form Nathan Jones (Colwyn Bay) in the under-20 men's race. Walter Meredith also ran well in fourth place.

Debutant Harrier Kate Jerman completed the medal heist with third place in the girls' under-11 race.

However, the youngsters didn't have it all their own way. In the senior men's event Richie Jones finished in eighth place in a time of 45:20.

A few of familiar names doubled-up over the weekend in the Long Mynd Valleys fell race, including Ed Davies, 27th 2:06:44 (1st MV55 and overall MV55 champion) who turned the tables on Chris Atherton (30th in 2:09:16) following the previous day's Titterstone Clee race. Glyn Fletcher was 55th in 2:19:32 from 182 finishers.

Elsewhere, Michelle Beeson and Belinda Bryant braved a filthy day for the Llandudno Nick Beer 10km Road race around Great Orme, Michelle clocking 61:04 and Belinda 68:44.

Meanwhile, Chloe Evans rounded off a great cross-country season with eighth place in the under-15 girls' race in the Welsh Cross Country-Championships, Glen Usk.

New-look COBRA struggle but stay on track for promotion

DESPITE fielding a new-look back line, COBRA stayed firmly on course for promotion from the Welsh League division two (north) with a hard-fought 14-10 home win over Abergele.

Two converted tries from scrum half Alwyn Williams were enough to earn the Meifod men the spoils as they consolidated second spot ahead of a two-week break due to the Six Nations.

But, despite sunshine and improved underfoot conditions, they struggled to find any real momentum, with a host of changes to the back line due to injury and unavailability disrupting their plans.

Fly half Llew Williams was one of those missing after taking a knock to his knee the week before, while a number of key positions were also vacated, which saw two flankers drafted into the three-quarters.

"It was one of the best day's we've had weather wise, but it was one of our worst performances," admitted spokesman James Watkin.

"Abergele are a decent side and they were up for it, but it's another win and we're that bit closer to promotion with one less game to play."

Abergele enjoyed a lot of early possession with their efforts rewarded with a penalty, but COBRA were in front 7-3 at the break couresty of a try from Alwyn Williams, who sniped over the line after a spell of pressure, with fly half Rhodri Davies converting.

After the break, the visitors got their noses back in front again when a penalty struck the posts, but they managed to get their hands on the loose ball and spin the ball out wide for a try, which was also converted.

Favourites

COBRA were then frustrated by some poor refereeing as two clear cut tries were not awarded by the official, who also refused to give a try to Abergele in another instance.

But the Llanfair Caereinion side were not to be denied as Williams went over for his second try of the match, Davies again converting.

They now have a break from action before returning to duty on Saturday, March 23, with a trip to rock bottom Colwyn Bay as they bid to press their promotion claims.

With high flying Denbigh firm title favourites, second place is now firmly in the grasp of the Meifod side as they areheir nearest rivals.

Meanwhile, COBRA's youngsters ran out 54-5 winners against visiting Rhyl in the North Wales Youth League division one.

Alwyn Williams goes over for COBRA in their hard-fought win over Abergele

COBRA on the attack under the Abergele posts as they kept up their promotion push

RUGBY
by John Bridgwater

Oswestry remain in danger after defeat by rivals

OSWESTRY II remain in basement danger in the Raging Bull North West League division three (south) after suffering a 34-19 defeat at relegation rivals Wirral.

Showing nine changes from the previous week's team, Oswestry made the trip with just 15 players and unsurprisingly started the game looking like a group of strangers.

Wirral soon capitalised on some slack tackling when one of their props broke through three Oswestry defenders to score under the posts, before adding a second straight from the kick off when their young second row skipped through the back line.

After an awful first 20 minutes, the Eagles began to wake up, reverting back to their style of play from old, attacking the fringes through club stalwarts Steve Charmley and Andy McLaughin.

They gained good yards giving the backs strike and, on one such occasion, went over after a kick ahead.

This gave Oswestry all the encouragement they needed, this time it was young fly half Luca Owen-Youens who went over for the try following some superb defensive pressure from fullback Gareth Morris and winger Tiwan Ellis. At the turn-around Oswestry trailed by three but had all the momentum going their way.

The second half started

Wirral 34 Oswestry II 19

with a bang, one to 15 of the Oswestry ranks seemed to go up a gear, pouncing on loose balls and fighting tooth and nail at the ruck area.

This soon paid dividends as the Eagles won an attacking scrum near the Wirral line and from first phase ball centre Jerry was again over for a superb try to give Oswestry the lead.

Unfortunately this was as good as it got for the Eagles and soon Wirral were on the ascendancy again as sloppy tackling allowed the hosts within the Oswestry 22 and after a few reset scrums were over out wide. Feeling aggrieved, Oswestry heads went down and they never seemed to recover allowing Wirral further scores to seal a34-19 win.

Up next for the Eagles is a home derby game against league leaders Chester on Saturday and, with games running out, all fixtures are must-wins if Oswestry are to have any hope of staying in this league.

Boys Club salvage a late draw

IT was honours even as OSWESTRY BOYS CLUB salvaged a 1-1 draw at home to mid-table rivals Clee Hill in the Mercian Regional League division one.

The Oswestry side had trailed to an Adam Warren goal, but hit back immediately to restore parity through George Turner, but would reflect they need to be winning these games as they prepare for Saturday's derby at Oswestry Lions. Defences were on top in a cagey first half affair.

After the break, both teams' sluggish performance continued but chances were beginning to be come.

Clee Hill struck first when they broke away to beat managed to beat makeshift keeper Joe Clarke.

The Oswestry side responded within minutes as a lovely cross found its way to Turner who struck a volley into the top corner.

The hosts continued to push but were dealt a setback when scorer Turner was sent off after picking up a second yellow card.

Under-8s beat Harriers 14-1

THE goals flowed as Oswestry Lions under-8s swept aside Shawbury United Harriers 14-1 with Oakley Taylor scoring four times and Harry Darley a hat-trick.

Liam Smyth and Ben Frost both scored twice with Oscar Herd, Ben Roberts and Sam Owen also finding the net.

Cricket club are off to the races

CAE Glas cricketers are holding a race night to raise club funds at Oswestry Cricket Club pavilion in Morda Road next Friday (March 15) with a 7.30 start. All are welcome to support. For further information please contact Keith Yapp 07734-162518

Results from around the golf greens

RESULTS from **Oswestry Golf Club's** Sunday morning draw for partners four ball better ball medal number nine over 15 holes were: 1 Oliver Wheeler & Ray Jones, 2 Will Woodward & John Lowarch, 3 Stuart Owen & Gary Mumford, 4 Anthony Harrison & Alec Richardson, 5 Roy Jones & John Bate, 6 Nigel Suckley & Simon Roberts. The Rules Question winner was Richard Clay.

Llanymynech Golf Club results are March 2 Stableford: Div 1: 1Pete Ord 40pts, 2 Charlie Jones 40pts, 3 Mal Oakley 39pts. Div 2: 1 Alan williams 46pts, 2 John Brice 42pts, 3 Simon Pugh 42pts. Div 3: 1 John Shelvock 44pts, 2 Dave Baugh 43pts, 3 Bob Ayers 41pts. March 3 Stableford: 1 Tom Weetman 48pts, 2 Steven Pierce 44pts, 3 Tim Thomas 44pts.

SPORT

A match to forget for weakened St Martins

A DEPLETED St Martins suffered a disappointing afternoon after crashing 7-1 at home to AFC Womborne to slip to 13th in the West Midlands League division one.

Shorn of a number of players, they were up against it even before the first whistle in their clash at Park Hall, and found themselves 3-0 down.

But they threatened a fightback with Karl Bailey reducing the arrears by half time, and after the break they went close to a second when hitting the upright.

However, Wombourne proved a constant threat through their lively forward and added four more goals to give themselves a rather flattering margin of victory.

Despite the defeat, the Saints are still well clear of the drop zone, but last Saturday's result was hardly what the doctor ordered following on from their 5-0 loss at Haughmond earlier in the week.

In that game, they also found themselves three goals down in the first half before two late Nathan Hodge goals sealed victory for the hosts.

This Saturday, St Martins are on their travels to basement side Blackheath Town as they bid to get back on a winning track, but they again face selection problems with several players either injured or unavailable.

Records keep falling in swimming championships

Members of the Shropshire squad who took part in the Age Group Championships

RECORDS continued to tumble at the second weekend of this year's Shropshire Age Group Swimming Championships.

A further 23 new bests were set to add to 26 the weekend before at Wolverhampton Central Baths as swimmers from across the county battled it out for medals.

Ellesmere College Titans made it a particularly memorable 50th birthday for director of swimming John Pardoe as they claimed the bulk of the top trophies on offer.

Helping dad to celebrate his birthday for the Titans was 11-year-old Hector Pardoe.

He won the 200m freestyle, 200m backstroke, the 200m individual medley and 400m freestyle in record-breaking style to add to his haul from the previous weekend. Also impressing was nine-year-old Titan Gabrielle Melbourne Smith whothis weekend also set new standards in her age group in the 200m breaststroke, 200m fly and 400m freestyle.

Other Titan record breakers were Llawen Rossell-Smith in the 16-year-old 100m breaststroke, Michael Doyle in the 1,500m freestyle for 12-year-olds, Ellinor Southward, 11, in the 200m fly for her age group and Luke Parker, 13, and Hayden Griffiths, 15, both set new bests in their age group for the 200m backstroke.

The Titans' record-breaking was rounded off by Tyler Mclean, 12, in the 100m breaststroke, and Olivia Gardner, 14, in the 400m freestyle for her age group.

Another to add to his record-breaking feats was Oswestry Otter Dan Jones, 16, who became the first Shropshire swimmer to go under one minute for the 100m backstroke in his age group.

He also set new bests in both the 50m fly and the 50m back.

The weekend was wrapped up with the award of the top boy and girl trophies in each age group, with Ellesmere College Titan swimmers claiming an impressive 12 titles.

The closest contest came in the boys 17 and over category where Wrekin College's Oliver Freeman, Oswestry's Steffan Williams and Jamie Beebee from Wellington were all tied on 18 points.

Oliver was given the title on countback as he recorded the most gold medals of the three.

Proctor is hat-trick hero as Rovers too strong for Town

Waterloo Rovers 5 Welshpool Town 3

WATERLOO Rovers again took the local bragging rights as they progressed to the last eight of the Spar Mid Wales League cup with a 5-3 victory at near neighbours Welshpool Town.

Dale Roberts' side have had the upper hand against the Lilywhites in recent times, and came away from Maesydre with another deserved success after shading the second round tie.

Rovers opened up a 2-0 lead, Pool pulled one back to trail 2-1 at half time, but the visitors restored their two goal advantage after the break before being pegged back to 3-3.

However, Welshpool's hopes of turning the tables on their close visitors faded as they round themselves beached two more times.

Charlie Proctor finished with a hat-trick for Waterloo and Steve Hole bagged a brace, while Welshpool, who also hit the woodwork, responded through Katonge Nkonde, Sam Andrews and a Michael Cockram penalty.

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

FOUR CROSSES got their season back on track as they bounced back to winning ways with a 4-3 verdict at in-form Builth Wells to reach the last eight of the cup.

After the previous week's loss at Aberystwyth University that undermined their title pursuit, they were back on their mettle at Builth despite being forced to field five reserve teamers.

After falling a goal behind, they rallied with Jack Harris heading home a cross from man-of-the match Josh Thomas, before John Harris bagged his first goal for the club to give the visitors the lead.

Builth pulled level on the stroke of half time, but Nick Popyk's side got their noses back in front with a stunning lob from the impressive Thomas following a fine pass from Jack Harris who then added his second and his side's fourth after more good work from Thomas.

John Harris was then sent off for his second booking, but Four Crosses held firm to seal their quarter-final ticket.

Llanidloes Town stormed into the last eight after two goals from Tom Goodwin helped see off Machynlleth 5-0 at Victoria Avenue.

The sides were level at the interval, but the Daffs never looked back after taking the lead with a Gareth Mansell penalty awarded for handball.

Squeezed

Richie Evans also scored against his old club while sub Nicky Jones completed the scoring with a stunning 30-yarder.

BERRIEW also had a comfortable outing as they saw off Newbridge for the second week running, this time 3-0 in the second round of the league cup with goals from Jackson Hassanyeh, Craig Pierce and Rob Pritchard.

Llandrindod Wells kept their flag flying as they overcame Tywyn Bryncrug 2-0, Hay St Mary's squeezed through 4-3 against Knighton Town, but Kerry bowed out 3-0 at home to Tywyn Bryncrug.

Meanwhile, Welshpool's experienced campaigner David Williams has been named as the Spar League's player of the month for January/February, while the second division accolade went to Knighton's Connor Bird.

Carno boss John Davies was the first division's manager of the month following his side's revival, while Will Lloyd Williams, boss of improving Machynlleth, was the second division manager of the month.

United see dreams of cup glory disappear

LLANFAIR United's hopes of Montgomeryshire Cup glory were dashed after being knocked out at the quarter-final stage with a 3-1 exit Llansantffraid Village.

In a game of few chances, Llanfair took the lead early on when Chris Gethin converted a penalty after being brought down by keeper Rhys Jones.

The home side hit back to lead 2-1 at half time, the first a lob from Dale Lloyd with a second coming through Keiron Evans following a contested corner, before Bryn Jones settled the tie with a terrific long range strike.

Late on, Daniel Jones had an effort cleared off the line and Luke Gethin had a good shot saved, but it wasn't to be as Llansantffraid deservedly booked their ticket for the semi-finals.

DYFFRYN BANW also bowed out of the cup competition with a 5-2 exit at fancied Caersws.

Peter Rees had a mixed night for the Bluebirds, scoring one goal and then being sent off for handball in the second half.

Jimmy Jones, Graham Evans and Mark Griffiths also found the net for the hosts .

Youngster stars as Village halt slump in form

YOUNGSTER Iwan Matthews led the way as Llansantffraid Village halted their slump in the Spar Mid Wales League division one with a welcome 4-2 victory over Dyffryn Banw at Treflan.

Matthews finished with a hat-trick, and Neil Prescott also found the net to ensure the hosts stay clear of the basement pack, with the win capping a fine week after their victory over Llanfair United in the Montgomeryshire Cup quarter-finals.

Two goals from Neil Pryce kept title outsiders MONTGOMERY in touch with the leading pack with a 2-1 success at Aberaeron, who replied through Gareth Evans. In-form striker Tom Sparks took the day's scoring accolade with all seven goals in Aberystwyth University's 7-0 romp at struggling Dolgellau.

Lowly LLANFYLLIN lifted their basement fears in division two after winning 4-3 at rock bottom Aberdyfi, while Abermule were 2-0 home victors against Talgarth.

Goals from Joe Maygothling and Brian Dyer helped Presteigne to a 2-1 home success against Bont, with the visitors responding with a headed own goal from Max Powell.

Ironworks prove too strong

IRONWORKS are through to round two of the Roche North Shropshire League Cup with a 4-0 passage against The Plough.

George Turner gave them a sixth minute lead, and made it 2-0 with a close range tap-in on 49 minutes.

Ben Carter added a third with the goal of the game when he beat four defenders before slotting the ball round the keeper, before it became 4-0 on 72 minutes when a Danny Griffiths cross was cleverly flicked in by Carter.

The Plough will be eying swift revenge when the two teams meet again this Sunday in the first round of the Consolation Cup.

MALPAS hit back to see off DUDLESTON HEATH 4-2 after they had trailed to go goals from Connor Pitcher.

They rallied with Luke Woollam scoring a hat trick which included a penalty, and Darren Parry grabbed the other.

The games between Athletico Market and Oswestry Bell and The Oak versus Cross Foxes postponed as both the Bell and The Oak failed to raise a team.

Sunday fixtures are: Consolation Cup Round One: The Keys v Oak Inn, Ironworks v Plough. League: Dudleston Heath v Oswestry Bell. Cheshire County Cup: Malpas v Upton.

Players get sponsors kit boost

ABP Hordley UK Ltd have sponsored Ellesmere Rangers under-12s new kit

Ellesmere businesses Mere Motors and Lakeside Coaches along with Mr B Challenor of Abergavenny have donated funds for the under-12s to purchase new rain jackets

LOCAL businesses from the town have rallied round to give Ellesmere Rangers Juniors Football Club a helping hand by helping to finance their teams.

!We collect funding by our volunteers approaching various organisations and local companies to provide all the equipment, courses and kits that is invaluable to supporting the youth section in this way," said a club spokesman.

"Many children would otherwise not be able to afford to enjoy this game should this aspect not exist.

"We appreciate the support they have been given by Ellesmere's local businesses supporting their youth teams."

As well as the sponsors pictured above Blakemere Vets of Ellesmere have sponsored the new kit for the Rangers under-14s.

Morda go top after defeating strugglers

MORDA United moved top of the Mercian Regional League premier division after securing their fifth consecutive away win with a 3-2 success at struggling Dawley Town.

With title rivals Church Stretton and AFC Ludlow being in league cup action, Morda capitalised with three points, but their performance was far from impressive against their lowly hosts.

They made the perfect start by opening the scoring in the first 10 minutes when a cross from the right found Dan Graham who, making his first start since injury and illness, headed back across goal and the home defender stuck a leg out and put the ball past his own keeper.

Dawley, rooted to the foot of the table, responded instantly to level from their first attack when a cross from the right was headed home after some sloppy defensive work.

However, it wasn't long before the visitors took the lead again when another right wing cross found Dan Graham who made a good contact to steer the ball home.

Unpunished

Dawley continued to press with their long ball tactics and caused some major problems for the away side, but they should have been reduced to 10 men midway through the half following reckless lunge at Dean Graham that went unpunished.

Despite a poor half, Morda made it three before the interval when good work between Shawn Melusi, Shin Miah and Dan Graham down the left cut Dawley wide open, and a simple square ball found Mark Griffiths who made no mistake.

Morda started the second half trying to control possession but that soon disappeared and as they again struggled to cope with a longer ball tactic.

Dawley were rewarded when keeper Sam Jones in goal failed to hold a powerful free kick and the home forward tucked away the loose ball, but the visitors were not to be denied the spoils.

Despite moving top of the table, boss Craig Rogers was unhappy with the performance against the league strugglers, and knows his side will need to play better if they are to lift the crown.

WESTON RHYN, who are a facing a battle to avoid the drop from the premier division, had no action last weekend.

They return to duty on Saturday with a crunch clash at basement rivals Dawley Town, a game they really have to win if they are to climb clear of danger.

Academy back on win trail

THE Llansantffraid Village Academy under-12s returned to winning ways with a comprehensive 8-2 victory at Cefn Druids in their latest Academy Cup outing.

The youngsters produced an excellent first half display to go 5-1 ahead by the break, but after that they played as individuals rather than a team.

"Despite this we can be pleased with our overall performance and also give credit to the Druids boys who contributed to a really enjoyable game," said Academy director Mike Digwood.

Dillon Griffiths scored twice, while Cameron Roberts, Harry Evans, Josh Jones, Sam Breeze, Brad Emberton were also on the mark along with an own goal.

The under-14s won 4-0 against their Druids counterparts in a really scrappy match on a difficult pitch and could be well satisfied with the outcome as playing good football was almost impossible. Keiran Matthews, James Jones, Alex Jones and Harry Morris got on the scoresheet.

"This win was more of a compliment to their spirit and commitment than anything else," added Digwood.

The under-16s, however, probably gave their worst performance of the season, they were careless in defence while also contriving to miss several simple chances.

Although a few players were missing from the squad, they would be disappointed to suffer a 6-2 defeat and know they can do much better. Ryan Pugh and Max Mclaughlin were on the mark for the Village.

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Waterloo maintain pressure with win

WATERLOO Reserves stayed hard on the heels of the leaders in the JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League division one with a 2-1 home win over Guilsfield reserves.

Goals from Craig Scott and Mark Proctor helped seal the win, with Waterloo now five points adrift of pacesetters Llanrhaeadr reserves, but with a game in hand. Rob Spragg responded for the visitors.

LLANFAIR RES hit LLANGEDWYN for six with Sam Thorpe grabbing four of the goals in the 6-0 romp with Ross Lewis and Ash Davies the other marksmen.

Neil Bebb fired a hat-trick to put LLANDRINIO eight points clear in Mitsubishi division two after their 4-0 win over CHURCHSTOKE, with Jamie Richards the other contributor.

Strikes

KERRY RES remain in basement danger after slipping to a 3-1 loss at rock bottom Carno reserves whose Matthew Davies scored twice, with Ben Hamer on the mark for the visitors.

It was also a good day for WATERLOO COLTS who progressed in the Tanners Town Cup with a 2-1 first round win over Newtown Wanderers.

They needed extra time before going through with strikes from Harry Clifton and Dave Pretty, with Tom Smith keeping the visitors in the hunt.

TREFONEN are through to the semi-finals of the Llansantffraid Village Cup are prevailing 2-0 at Bettws courtesy of two goals from Harry Gunn.

Elsewhere, Caersws reserves defeated MEIFOD 3-0 in the second round of the Robins (Newtown FC) League Cup.

Danny double fires Guils nearer final

A BRACE from Danny Barton steered Guilsfield into the semi-finals of the Central Wales Cup as they were again among the goals with a routine 5-0 home passage against lower league Carno.

The Guils, who have emerged favourites to land the cup following the exits of fellow Cymru Alliance clubs Caersws and Penrhyncoch, never looked back after a scrappy start when taking the lead on the half hour when defender Simon Jones could only turn a Will Thomas cross from the left into his own net.

Barton then got in on the act two minutes later when beating the keeper to a Nathan Leonard cross to nod into the net.

Ian Probert then made things safe tapping in number three on the stroke of half time after a Thomas cross had been parried by the keeper. Guilsfield continued to call the tune in the second period, with Barton getting his second with a free header from a Thomas corner on 67 minutes.

Moments later the hosts went nap with the goal of the game as a fine diagonal pass from the right by Thomas found Chris Catthrall who smashed his shot into the net from the edge of the box to complete the win in style.

Buoyed by their recent revival which has seen five straight wins, the Guils were looking to keep up the good work at home to Penycae last night (Wednesday) before visiting lowly Penrhyncoch on Saturday.

LLANFAIR UNITED's hopes of pulling off another Central Wales Cup upset were ended as they slipped to a 3-1 exit at home to Cymru Alliance side Rhayader Town. Having defeated Caersws in the previous round, the Spar League second division side knew they faced another stern challenge, and so it proved.

"Rhayader play two leagues above us and had we won it would have been a bonus," admitted boss Rhys Stephens.

Terrific

"We competed well, I could not have asked for any more from the lads, but Rhayader were the better side, had a bit more quality and deserved to go through."

Llanfair, flying high at the top of their division, have now lost two cup games in a row, and will be out to nip their recent wobble in the bud when they face another cup assignment on Saturday, this time in the league cup second round, when they visit local rivals Llanfyllin. Christian Jones gave Rhayader the lead from a long throw by Nefyn Savage as the visitors started well, but Llanfair were back on terms at the break through Andrew Hughes.

Chris Gethin was denied by a terrific save in the second period, just a couple of minutes before Robbie Steele restored the Rhayader lead from another long throw, and Tom Rowlands completed the win with an excellent 20-yarder.

Waterloo Rovers or Aberaeron, who meet this weekend, await Rhayader in the semi-final while Guilsfield will now face the winners of Saturday's last eight tie between Montgomery Town and Tywyn Bryncrug.

Reserves rocked as Wroxeter hit dozen

ON a day when Morda United's first team rose to the top of the Mercian League premier division, their reserve side were hammered 12-0 in the first division at the hands of visiting Wroxeter Rovers.

Morda's tale of woe started in the third minute when Wroxeter were awarded a penalty for handball.

Home keeper Daniel Wood did well to get a hand to Sean Griffiths's spot kick only to see the ball spin over the line.

At this point, the Weston Road men were still in the game with Ricky Gale and Ryan Kenny drawing a fine double save from visiting keeper.

Rovers, however, then took over and doubled their lead when Darrell Rogers cut in from the left and fired into the top corner.

The impressive Rogers then found space superbly before hitting Wroxeter's third, and the visitors were four up by the half hour when Matthew Brookes fired home after good work down the left by Rogers.

Rogers then completed his hat trick and Griffiths hit his second to see Wroxeter 6-0 up at the interval.

Darrell Rogers continued to torment the Morda defence, and hit his fourth just two minutes after the interval.

Sean Griffiths then completed his hat-trick, Matthew Brookes claimed his second before substitute Hayden Oliver took his side into double figures.

Brookes then secured his treble, before defender Stewart Farley completed the scoring to take the Wroxeter tally to the dozen.

The club's reserves bid to pick themselves up on Saturday when they face another tough challenge at Shrewsbury side Rock Rovers, a side just one point below Wroxeter.

Williams cracker puts TNS through to cup last four

Haverfordwest 0 The New Saints 1

TEN-man The New Saints overcame a potentially hazardous hurdle to maintain their defence of the Welsh Cup with a 1-0 quarter-final win over Haverfordwest at Bridge Meadow

A fine strike from Matty Williams on 58 minutes was enough to separate the sides, with the holders having to play most of the second half with 10 men following midfielder Sam Finley's red-card for retaliation.

Yet, despite a player short, the Welsh Premier high fliers prevailed, thanks to Williams who broke from 30 yards before lashing a tremendous shot from the edge of the box into the bottom right hand corner net. TNS Head coach Carl Darlington felt it was a job well done against robust opponents who were intent on proving a handful at their Bridge Meadow base.

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

"There was never a situation when we didn't feel in control, even when we were down to 10 men, and I felt the win was more comfortable than the scoreline suggests, " he said.

"They were in our faces right from the start, very aggressive, but we showed a lot of resilience and character and worked really hard as a team.

"We are known for playing some nice football, but we also showed we can mix it. We played some good football at times, created the better opportunities while Haverfordwest only had one or two chances. We were very happy with the performance."

The Oswestry side had started well enough following their trek to West Wales as Chris Jones soon proved a threat down the left, with the winger hammering an early shot over the bar in the 11th minute.

The visitors also went close through Greg Draper after good work from Finley, with the Kiwi front man firing just over the bar in another raid.

A dangerous cross from Jones was cleared to safety by defender Sean Pemberton before Ryan Fraughan could only fire a free kick straight at keeper Peter Blain.

Draper then got clean through on goal only to miss the target while seeing another effort blocked as the Saints struggled to find the breakthrough against their wholehearted hosts.

Their plans were disrupted when midfielder Finley was shown a red card for retaliation seven minutes into the second half after being incensed at a wild tackle from behind which went unpunished.

Chances

Finding themselves down to 10 men, TNS had to regroup with Williams playing deeper, but the former Manchester United and Wrexham forward responded with a fine strike six minutes later which gave Blain little chance in the home goal.

It was a timely strike from Williams who missed out on a Welsh Cup and Premier League winners medal last season due to a long term knee injury.

Draper almost doubled the lead with a shot that whistled just wide of the target and Chris Marriott was just wide with a free-kick.

Despite pressing late on, Haverfordwest had few chances of note although Jack Christopher went closest to a reply when his header was superbly saved by keeper Paul Harrison.

But TNS held out without undue alarm to book their last-four place where they will now meet old rivals Bangor City early next month.

The venue for the match has yet to be confirmed.

Lions roar into second place with home victory

Oswestry Lions star Tom Jones causing problems for the Meole Brace defence

Hot-shot Scott Bright, left, gets his goal

Graeme Kirkham scored the Lions second

PROMOTION-chasing Oswestry Lions moved up to second in the Mercian Regional League division one with a 3-1 verdict over Meole Brace at a sunny Park Hall.

After fielding a depleted squad the previous week, manager Nick Maguire welcomed back some influential players including Scott Bright against the improving visitors.

The sunshine must have got into the Meole keeper's eyes when, after just five minutes, he fluffed his lines for striker Bright to pounce and roll the ball into the empty net.

Lions were looking sharp and continue to dominate with Bright and Tom Jones causing the visitors all kinds of problems at the back, and after 25 minutes it was Bright who slid a fantastic ball in for winger Graeme Kirkham who somehow managed to scoop the ball over the bar.

Meole took heart from several missed chances and piled the pressure on for the last 15 minutes of the half and keeper Broc Dawson made three good saves to keep the lead intact at the break. Within two minutes of the re-start, Kirkham made up for his miss in the first half when Bright again slid a ball through for him to smash the ball past the Meole keeper. The Oswestry side were now looking good with Tom Steadman and Ollie Jones controlling the midfield, also wing backs Kurt Smith and Dylan Ellis were seeing action further up the field.

New signing Harry Davies made it three on 75 minutes with a great left shot that left the ball nestled in the bottom corner after some good work from Chris Bishop.

The vistors did manage to get a consolation minutes from the end with a looping header that left keeper Dawson with no chance.

Manager Nick Maguire was pleased with the win and hailed centre backs Graham Dyke and Joe Evans for a solid performance. The Liosn look to keep up their promotion pursuit when they welcome local rivals Oswestry Boys club to the Venue on Saturday (3pm).

Ellesmere survival is hit by bad away loss

ELLESMERE Rangers' survival hopes were dealt a blow when they lost 2-0 at fellow strugglers Continental Star in the Midland Alliance.

Delwyn Humphreys' side suffered the worst possible when they fell behind after just 90 seconds from Aaron Garvey's chipped finish.

Davion Hamilton was unlucky not to double his side's tally on 18 minutes when he rounded Ellesmere's debutante goalkeeper Anthony Prince – an 11th hour signing from Haughmond – but could only hit the side netting from a tight angle.

Ellesmere improved after the break with Marco Adaggio and Kevin Renshaw both going close to an equaliser.

But 16-year old Shaquille Whittingham finished the contest in the 90th minute after pouncing on James O'Reilly's attempt at a headed clearance.

The defeat, coupled with a win for Heath Hayes at home to Heather St John's, leaves Ellesmere 10 points adrift at the bottom of the table.

Club spokesman Mark McIntyre said: "It was a very lacklustre first half.

"We improved in the second but it is back to the drawing board now. We will need to shake our ideas up."

Ellesmere were at Stourport Swifts last night (wed).

Llanrhaeadr are made to pay for missing chances

RELEGATION haunted Llanrhaeadr paid the price for missed chances as they slipped back to the foot of the Cymru Alliance after suffering a 3-0 home loss to fellow strugglers Penrhyncoch.

After boosting their survival prospects with a last-gasp win at Rhydymwyn the previous week, the villagers were brought down to earth despite dominating a goalless first half.

Llanrhaeadr 0 Penrhyncochr 3

They had enough chances to have been clear at the break with Josh Wood having one effort cleared off the line, Emyr Roberts hitting the bar while Alun Jones was unable to capitalise on some promising positions.

The hosts continued from where they left off after the break with Ben White having a half chance, but for all their efforts they found themselves trailing eight minutes into the second half when Josh Hartrick broke the deadlock at the far post.

As they pushed to get back on terms, Llanrhaeadr then found themselves twice caught on the break as Josh Shaw struck on 70 and 84 minutes to ensure there was no way back.

Defeat leaves Llanrhaeadr back at the bottom of the table, one point adrift of basement rivals Ruthin Town who boosted their cause with a precious 4-1 victory at Holyhead Hotspurs. And boss Mario Iaquinta admitted his side's inability to take their chances proved costly.

"We dominated the first half, but needed a goal," he said.

"Had we scored when we were on top we would have gone on to win the game as Penrhyncoch were not a confident side and looked all over the shop.

"But once they scored, it gave them a lift, and did the opposite for us as we suddenly found ourselves a goal down having dominated the game.

"We knew it was a game we had to win so we changed things a bit and pushed forward, and ended up being caught on the break."

With 10 games remaining, Llanrhaeadr face a tough ask to get out of trouble, and points promise to be hard-earned this Saturday when they host unbeaten high fliers Rhyl.

Under-9s back with good win over Tigers

IN their first game of the year, Llanymynech under-9s recorded an excellent 4-1 win over Oswestry Tigers.

They were strong from start to finish, with the goals coming from Josh Wynne (3) and Thomas Williams.

The under-10s were also in winning form with a 1-0 verdict at Worthen in their first game in two months.

George Lawrence made his competitive debut in goal for Llany and earned the man of the match award.

The visitors squandered a number of good opportunities but eventually Tyler Mansell broke clear to score.

The under 10 girls drew 3-3 at Worthen with goals from Grace Barlow (2) and Joanna Savage with player of the match being awarded to Gracie Savage.

The under-11s also drew 3-3 at Market Drayton courtesy of goals from Tomos Horn, Lloyd Parr and man of match Luke Jones. There was also a notable performance from Charlie Wines in goal.

Llany's under-13 Dragons beat Saha 2-0 in one of their best performances of the year. The whole team played well with two excellent goals from Ryan Kirkham.

The under 14s gave a good account of themselves despite losing 5-1 to Ellesmere, striker Joe Kelly getting their goal.

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United are looking to send rivals out of cup

LLANFAIR United, whose terrific season has stalled in the past week with two cup defeats, look to keep their flag flying in the Spar Mid Wales League Cup when they make the short second round trip to derby rivals Llanfyllin on Saturday.

Rhys Stephens' side, flying high at the top of the Spar League division two, have bowed out of the Montgomeryshire Cup and the Central Wales Cup in the space of just four days, so will be keen to get back on track.

Llanfyllin, who eased their basement concerns last weekend, will have other ideas, with the winner of the tie facing a trip to first division side Berriew in the quarter-finals.

Elsewhere, Waterloo Rovers have been drawn away to Llandrindod Wells, while other last eight ties see Four Crosses travel to Rhosgoch, while Llanidloes Town entertain Hay St Mary's.

Morda boss calls for more from team in charge for league crown

DESPITE moving top of the table, Morda United boss Craig Rogers knows his side need to sharpen up their act if they are to lift the Mercian Regional League Premier Division crown

With title rivals Church Stetton and AFC Ludlow being in league cup action, Morda capitalised with a 3-2 win at lowly Dawley Town to move top, but their performance was far from impressive.

And manager Rogers admits there was room for improvement, although he is backing his side to up their game with tougher tasks ahead in the coming weeks

"The last two performances have yielded six points but both were below par efforts," he said.

"Some say it's the sign of a good team, personally I don't think we can expect to win anything playing like that and the players are aware of my feelings.

"We are lucky to have a fully fit and available squad now, which gives us the opportunity to put pressure on players to perform."

He added: "I take responsibility for the first half performance last week, I wanted us to be clinical and improve our goal difference, but I probably underestimated Dawley.

"Unfortunately we were also poor in the second half, but luckily we have goals in this side and came away with the win which at this stage of the season is the main thing. It's good to be top, but it doesn't count for much at the moment."

Morda have no game this weekend, before returning to duty at Whitchurch Alport the following Saturday.

Rovers are revving up for quarter-final clash

WATERLOO ROVERS, past winners of the Central Wales Cup, aim to stay on the trail of more success in the competition when they visit Aberaeron in Saturday's quarter-final tie.

Should they prevail, they will meet Cymru Alliance side Rhayader Town who reached the semi-finals with a 3-1 win at Llanfair United last week.

In-form Guilsfield will face the winners of Saturday's tie between Montgomery Town and Tywyn Bryncrug tie in the other semi-final.

After their league cup defeat at the hands of Waterloo last Friday, WELSHPOOL TOWN chase welcome points in the Spar Mid Wales League division one when they host Bow Street on Saturday.

They still find themselves third from bottom, but boss Dave Jones believes his side can edge up the table in their remaining league games.

It remains close in the lower reaches with Bow Street just three points above Pool in 11th position.

Ladies need one point to become the champions

UNBEATEN Oswestry ladies stand on the brink of lifting the Cheshire Womens Hockey League division three crown after sweeping aside nearest rivals Bollington 7-0 in their top of the table tussle.

Victory, their 14th in a row, leaves the border side 14 points clear at the top, and requiring one point from their remaining four games to make sure of the league crown. They are already assured of promotion to division two next season.

Oswestry proved too hot for a depleted Bollington side who could only field nine players, and led 6-0 at half time. Lisa Bladen finished with a hat-rrick, Sandra Jones scored twice while Tracey Royle and Debra Jones also found the net.

On Saturday, the border side will be out to clinch the title when they visit lowly Winnington Park.

For the second game running, WELSHPOOL rattled in six goals as they trounced Bangor University 6-0 to move up to second in the North Wales Ladies League division one.

LLANFAIR, in fourth, lost ground on the leading sides as they suffered a 2-1 loss at Bangor University the following day.

SAINTS WARNED OF TITLE RACE DANGER

THE New Saints can tighten their grip on the Welsh Premier title chase when they tackle Prestatyn Town at Park Hall tomorrow night (Friday, 7.45).

Ten points clear, the defending champions are well placed for a title repeat with just eight games left, and will fancy their chances against a Prestatyn side beaten 4-1 on their last visit to Oswestry.

by John Bridgwater

In fact, the seasiders have yet to pick up a point on their travels to Park Hall where they have lost their previous seven visits, and conceded 24 goals.

However, TNS head coach Carl Darlington is only too aware the Saints can take nothing for granted.

Victory would be another big step towards retaining the title, particularly as their rivals, Bangor City and Airbus UK, come face to face on the same night.

"We've got eight games left and we want to try and win every game and finish with as many points as we can," said head coach Carl Darlington.

"But we're looking no further than Prestatyn which is another big game, and one we're really looking forward to. It's a big chance for us, and we'll make sure we're fully prepared.

"We beat them well at home earlier in the season, but we lost 1-0 at their ground, so we certainly won't be taking anything for granted.

"Either Bangor or Airbus are going to drop points as they are playing each other, so we have to make sure we maintain our distance at the top."

Midfielder Sam Finley is suspended for three games after being sent off in last Friday's 1-0 Welsh Cup win at Haverfordwest.

However, fellow midfielder Chris Seargeant should return after missing the trip with a hamstring strain, but Steve Evans is out for the season.

The win at Haverfordwest kept the Saints on course for a repeat of last season's league and cup win, and Darlington praised the way the side handled a potentially tricky encounter.

"Although it was only 1-0, we felt we were always in control, even when we were down to 10 men," he said.

Harrier has best time in Rome race

MALDWYN Harrier Andrew Davies turned in yet another personal best performance when recording a time of 68 minutes 9 seconds at the Rome Half-Marathon.

The Coleg Powys lecturer, a former local footballer, was part of a strong Wales men's team and his performance was good enough for 36th place overall in what was a highly competitive international field featuring several top Kenyans and Ethiopians.

Boosted by the performance, he is aiming to make the Wales team for the 2014 Commonwealth Games where he hopes to run in the marathon.

The Games are being held in Glasgow in July and August next year

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TNS cup semi-final clash to be held at Rhyl ground

RHYL'S Belle Vue Stadium will host The New Saints' Welsh Cup semi-final showdown with Bangor City next month.

The tie, on Saturday, April 6, will be televised live by S4C and kicks off at 3pm, with TNS looking to reach the final of the competition for the third successive season.

As current holders, they are on a run of eight matches unbeaten in the competition, their last defeat coming when losing to eventual winners Llanelli in the semi-final at Aberystwyth back in April 2010.

The other semi-final, between Welsh League outfit Barry Town meet Prestatyn Town, takes places at Newtown's Latham Park (2.30).

Welshpool face tough test

AFTER last week's points frenzy, Welshpool's rugby players face a tougher assignment when they head to promotion chasing Wrexham in the Welsh League division three (north) tomorrow night (Friday).

Despite their 91-0 mauling of Anglesey side Benllech, the Maesydre side are still well short of the promotion places in fifth spot. But they could take plenty of heart from their display, particularly that of the youngsters.

Pool ran in 15 tries, breaking free in the second half after being 27-0 up at the interval, to record their biggest win for a number of seasons.

It proved a good day for the club in the sunshine, but know they need to keep their feet firmly on the ground tomorrow as second placed Wrexham will represent a different proposition altogether.

COBRA have no game this weekend, but can be happy with their efforts last week after staying firmly on course for promotion from division two (north) with a hard-fought 14-10 home win over Abergele.

Runaway

They now have a break from action before returning to duty on Saturday, March 23 with a trip to rock bottom Colwyn Bay as they bid to press their promotion claims.

With high flying Denbigh clear title favourites, second place is now firmly in the grasp of the Meifod side as they are 16 points clear of third place.

OSWESTRY failed to put the brakes on runaway Sefton as they slipped to their third straight defeat at the hands of the South Lancs and Cheshire Two pacesetters.

The mid-table Eagles eventually went down 38-18 to their high flying visitors, but could take positives from the display as they look to get back to winning ways at Wallasey on Saturday.

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Welshpool's Ryan Goodwin goes on the charge during his team's 91-0 demolition of Benllech which included 15 tries

Teams suffer Hargrove exit

OSWESTRY A's hopes of glory in golf's Hargrove Trophy were dashed as they went out 4-2 to Wrekin A over the two legs of their semi-final.

Trailing 2-1 (four holes) from the home leg, they suffered a 2-1 (eight holes) loss in the return leg to exit the

It was also the end of the road for LLANYMYNECH B who were edged out 3.5-2.5 against The Herefordshire A in their semi final.

Rally go-ahead

WELSHPOOL has been given the green light to again host the Rally North Wales from April 6-7. Organisers checked out the Stages in the Dyfi & Dyfnant Forest complexes to the west of town, and were impressed with what they saw.

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